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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Late Dr. T. M. A. Pai, Founder President and Registrar of the Academy, by virtue of his prodigious achievements till 29 - 5 - 1979 when death snatched him away at his ripe age of 82 years to his heavenly abode was paid homage through a mass of condolence messages from all over the world.

Some of these messages aptly describe the various facets of his glorious life, creative genius and awe-inspiring personality. It was his avowed object to wage a crusade against the triple maladies of illiteracy, ignorance and ill-health that made him discover many daring and innovative ideas, implementation of which began yielding perennial benefit and relief to scores of people, and continue to do so.

Extracts from such messages, selected more for their content matter than for the status or standing of the persons issuing them, are brought under Chapter I, so that together they present a 'Pen - Portrait' of Dr. Pai, his work and his worth, as far as possible.

To supplement the Portrait, extract from messages — a select few — which Dr. Pai issued during the last decade of his life are also published in Chapter II under broad categories so that the readers may have an inkling into his fertile mind and way of constructive thinking and approach. He never thought ill of others and treated people with love and regard. No man was small for him and no problem of life was too big for him to tackle. His maturity, vision and essence of experience of men and matters and implicit faith in God are all reflected in his messages and letters.

He was such a strict disciplinarian that he did not tolerate any delay or procrastination in disposals and to set an example, he ensured replies on his personal Mail the same day as he received it. Yet, he was so simple, so amiable and so hospitable that lot of people used to call on him and spend some time with him each day which he never denied to any, inspite of his indifferent health during the decade.

That was Dr. Pai of revered memory and if the two following Chapters could help his contemporaries reminisce on his life or the younger generation to get an introduction to the life and creations of his thorough dedicated work and involvement for implementing his innovative ideas for the benefit of the humanity and inspire them to emulate him a bit, the efforts of the Publishers are amply rewarded.

T. RAMESH PAI
Registrar
The Academy of General Education

Manipal,
30*th June*, 1981

CHAPTER I

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT HIM

SRI T. RAMESH PAI, Registrar, Academy of General Education, Manipal :

The Administrative Committee is shocked at the sudden passing away of the Founder of the Academy and its guiding star, Dr. T. M. A. Pai on 29th May 1979. It was due to the farsightedness and dynamism of Dr. T. M. A. Pai that the Academy was able to gain strength and be instrumental in the spread of education at all levels, helping thousands of families. The Academy has been orphaned by his sudden disappearance from the scene of great activities undertaken by the Academy. The Administrative Committee places on record the meritorious and everlasting services rendered by Dr. T. M. A. Pai as President and Registrar of the Academy and desires to convey its heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family of Dr. T. M. A. Pai.

The Members of the Supreme Governing Body deeply mourn the demise of the Founder of the Academy of General Education, Dr. T. M. A. Pai and wish to convey to the members of the bereaved family their heartfelt sympathies and condolences. The achievements of Dr. Pai have brought great reputation to the Academy and the members record with great appreciation the services rendered by Dr. Pai in founding the Academy and building it up to its present giant size to serve as an instrument in shaping the youth of the country.

DR. P. VENKATESHWARA RAO, President, Academy of General & Technical Education, Vijayawada :

The Governing Body of the Academy of General and Technical Education have learnt with profound regret and grief the demise of Dr. T. M. A. Pai, President and Registrar, The Academy of General Education, Manipal. Dr. Pai in three decades of his untiring efforts, sacrifice, vision and courage, established several institutions-

educational, banking, industrial, cultural and health care. Manipal, built by him brick by brick, has now acquired world wide fame, all due to Dr. Pai's efforts. The fame of Dr. Pai and Manipal are synonimous.

MR. K. S. G. RAJA SHAREEF, Madras :

In his death country has lost a great person of outstanding ability.

MR. ROBERT W. CLAUSEN, M.D., U. S. A. :

It was the completion of life for which one always waits; and yet.. when it occurs, the separation and realisation that the one whom you loved is no longer in your midst, still is a very hard thing to accept.

Your dad was most definitely a pace-setter, and there will be many who will and have already extolled his virtues and his accomplishments. And yet for you and your family, he was too your father and elder. That's a role which does not get publicised as a great feat, and yet, for you all, it was most definitely and personally a wonderful and mighty role to play. Certainly his works carry on, but too, his family carries on, in each of you. You have the memories to sustain this period of separation and sadness, but you have the gifts given by him to enable you to carry on and strive forward.

MR. A. K. HAFIZKA, Ambassador of India, Jeddah :

Though Dr. Pai was confined to bed, he was alert and we had a long talk and interesting discussion with so many incidents of the past as well as ideas of his future programme in Saudi Arabia. I spent a night and whole day with him. When I left him early in the morning, he was full of life and I never thought that I would see him no more.

MR. JIMMY S. ARDESHER, Calcutta :

In this hour, words will not do any good, except, a small prayer and May God rest his Soul in Peace.

MR. TARA SINGH, W. Malaysia :

Your father was really a very noble man possessed with qualities that are rare to find in men these days. When I was in Manipal in 1962 and had occasion to be with him for a few days, I came to

understand him more closely and on a few occasions had a chance to talk very intimately to him. It was at one such meetings that I asked him that in spite of the vast wealth he possessed, why he was still dressed so simply in his black coat and dhoti. I told him that in my country a man of his position would be very grandly dressed. In return, he put a question to me that when a mango tree bears fruit, do the branches hang upwards or downwards? I replied to him that naturally with the weight of the mangoes on they would be hanging downwards. He replied that as such when God is kind to you and bestows you with wealth, one should also humble himself by looking down at the feet of others. This was a very good expression which I have taken to heart and have quoted it many times to my friends and relatives whenever an occasion has demanded it. I hope you as a son of an illustrious father will walk in his footsteps and carry the name of your family to more lofty heights of fame and prosperity.

MR. K. K. JAJODIA, New Delhi :

The country certainly is much poorer without him and one had to know him to appreciate the original thinking, creative mind and great sense of dynamism that he had in him with a great deal of enthusiasm.

MR. URSULA MICHAELSEN, West Germany :

I had only once the privilege of meeting him in person, but I have seen so much of his work that I shall forever remember him as a great man who through determination and dedication achieved the near impossible and taught us all a lesson of what personal initiative can do.

MR. G. B. SINGH, New Delhi :

His message was a source of inspiration to me and I would always cherish the little time that I could spend basking in his grace through your courtesy. He was a true sage and I thought I knew him life after life. How blessed are you who remained with him enjoy in his blessings and grace to accomplish what he stood for. I envy you all and pray that God be kind to the departing soul.

It is rarely that such souls descend on earth and have the satisfaction to know in their life time that their mission came to a success-

ful stage of development where benevolence would ensure right understanding of the service to humanity.

DR. P. GUNDU RAO, Ethiopia :

Having had the opportunity of closely working under his care and guidance for over a decade, I feel the gloom that must have enveloped the Manipal campus. He was the stirring soul and the strength of every activity at Manipal, be it the educational sphere, or the banking sphere or the industrial sphere or even the public and political sphere. I can compare him only to the sun, the energy giver to all that happens in his sphere of activities ....

Dr. Pai will be remembered for generations through his immense work and contribution to the nation. Historians may reduce his life to a few printed pages for the benefit of those who are far away in distance and time, but his great work is tangible and is there for any one to see in the form of the colleges, banks, etc. Wherever there is a branch of the Syndicate Bank or wherever there are students and members of staff who have passed through one of the institutions of Academy of General Education, Dr. Pai will continue to live through his work.

MR. P. RAGHURAM, Kaula Lumpur :

We deeply regret the sudden demise of your dear father. It is a great consolation to everyone whom he has left behind that he has completed his life's mission in providing education to countless number of young, deserving undergraduates, not only from the Karnataka State, but from all over the World, and further taken care to see that the same responsibility will continue to be carried by the other members of his family and a band of devoted and dynamic people he has left behind.

DR. MANJITH SIHOTA, Canada :

Dr. T. M. A. Pai is the most admirable man that I have ever known in my life. A man who did so much for humanity regardless of colour, race or creed and shaped the destiny of so many of us. If I may call him so, he was not only a citizen of India but a citizen of the world ....

DR. V. A. PUNNOOSE, New Zealand :

He has given so much to his fellow men than any one individual has, over the turn of the century in our part of the world. Dr. Pai led a noble life, was an intellectual giant, full of imagination and creativity and has left the world in a most useful and beautiful manner than how he received it. He has made lives meaningful and fruitful to thousands of families. We should all feel happy and proud that he had the unique blessings of Almighty to see his visions come true in his own life time, an achievement sanctioned by God to only a few among millions.

MR. D. BAP REDDY, Bangkok

He lived a very useful life. He created things which many do not even think or can imagine. Hope his illustrious example will be followed by others. His belief that his fellow beings should live a better life is what we all need to follow and practise.

DR. C. DUTT, Ahmedabad :

In the short while that I had the privilege to attend on him as a young and, I admit, a very nervous postgraduate, I came to know him as a very kind man who very quickly put me, at ease. I also realised that he, in his philosophical way, looked at death as something transitional and not at all a thing to dread. Great as our loss is I have no doubt that he would be happy if we look at his demise in his way and face the future in the unforgettable way that he did in his lifetime.

MR. D. S. GILL, Bombay

Besides being founder of modern Manipal, he was a fine statesman, a man of integrity. His memory will always be cherished.

MR. K. S. HEGDE, Speaker, Lok Sabha, New Delhi :

Dr. Pai was an institution by himself. As a result of his dynamic personality, he was able to build up many mighty institutions to serve the people. He will be remembered for long. In his death the country has lost a great son, nation builder and an educationist of great repute. Our District has lost a dear son.

MR. JONATHAN M. BENSKY, Consulate General of U.S.A. Madras:

His loss is a great one for you and your family and to India as well for which he did so much.

DR. (MRS) G. SANTHAKUMARI, Trivandrum :

We the parents of children getting admitted to K. M. C. can only wonder at the greatness and far sightedness of its creator — your illustrious father.

MR. BOLA SRIPAD HEGDE, Bombay :

I was one of the few lucky students to have been educated under the able guidance of your father. With his benevolent instruction and kindly supervision, he made all his students responsible members of the society.

I hold him in greatest reverance. I am sorry that he is no more.

MR. HIRA MALANEY, Bombay :

A great era came to an end with the passing away of your beloved father. A life filled with achievements — not for self advancement, but for improving the lot of the masses — and a solid foundation laid for the generations after him to build upon. His memory will continue to inspire us all to work towards his goals, to encourage and help man to stand on his own feet and to improve his own life by self-help and sincere hard work.

If only India had a few more such stalwarts, it would become a leader amongst generations.

Sympathies are due not to the family alone, but to all those who lived and developed around this great 'institution', the loss of which is the loss of us all.

DR. M. V. CHARI, Madras :

A really great man has passed away. By his death, India has lost one of her great sons. A capable administrator, a kind doctor, a lofty thinker, he rose to the top and achieved whatever he wanted — Chairman of a leading bank; President of an Academy running many colleges, District Governor of a service organisation. He led a full life winning many laurels and honours and lived to see the fulfilment of all his wishes. The K. M. C. Silver Jubilee celebrations in which he participated in full must have given him greater joy and happiness, the grand finale of his life.

DR. G. D. VELIATH, Mangalore :

I know fully well that words and sentiments cannot heal the wound in your hearts, but the thought that thousands of people share your grief may bring you some consolation. Let us find comfort in the thoughts of the greatness, the goodness, the benevolence of your dear departed father. Man like him really never die. They live in the everlasting living institutions that they have created.

MR. PRITAM SINGH GILL, Malaysia :

Once Dr. T. M. A. Pai started talking, it was so interesting to hear him. Words of wisdom flowed from the experience of this great man and while others who wanted to see him were kept waiting, Dr. T. M. A. Pai continued to talk to me for over 45 minutes. Each time I told him that my presence may be upsetting his rest, Dr. T. M. A. Pai replied that it was not so and it was a change for him to talk to someone from overseas.

I considered this a great honour and I must say that those 45 minutes with Dr. T. M. A. Pai truly illustrated the great man he was. You can be proud that you had so great a father as Dr. T. M. A. Pai who had the vision and perseverence that few men are privileged to possess and you can take comfort from the fact that he left his work not only at Manipal in India but in the hearts of students and their parents who had come to Manipal from all over the world and heard or met him.

DRS. MANAVALAN and LIM, Kuala Lumpur :

He will be missed not only by you and Manipal but to a very large number of people all over India and abroad. Manipal and Mangalore are indeed eternal monuments of him, and his name will surely be written in letters of gold in the history of Medical Education in India. All we can do at this juncture is to pray for the repose of his soul.

MR. BALDEV SINGH JUGPAL, Andaman :

I can imagine the way you must be feeling at this moment but no one can help the course of nature and the laws of God. The best way is to suffer the loss and to bear it is to continue working in life for the ideals he always inspired and provided with the necessary education and guidance for achievement.

All these words may seem meaningless to you but we can't over look destiny.

Time is a great healer and I hope it will heal your wound in due course.

MR. B. SUBBIAH SHETTY, Minister of Education, Bangalore :
In his death the country and - Dakshina Kannada district in particular-has lost a distinguished educationsit and a visionary. He has shown to all of us what an undaunted spirit and dedication could achieve and his achievements are monumental. Country will remember him for his contribution to the society.

MR. VISHWANATH RAO, ICMR, Bombay :
I was really sorry to note that shadow has befallen on Manipal with the merging of the shining light with the Almighty.

SYNDICATE BANK, Calcutta :
We respectfully recall, as a banker he was a successful personality who gave a clarion call "One thousand branch and one thousand crore deposit". We are proud at the behest of our colleagues the cherished desire of our founder has been fulfilled.

DR. T. V. S. CHELAPATHY RAO, Vijayawada :
By his death our country, particularly, South India lost another Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

If the late Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya founded and developed the Benares Hindu University, Dr. T. M. A. Pai founded and developed an Academy of General Education as early as in 1942 and started a number of colleges under its auspices.

Dr. Pai is not a mere individual or visionary. He is an institution by himself.

He was gifted with vision, initiative and dynamism, but for which Manipal rock would have remained as a mere 'bald hill' radiating heat, of course, tempered by the sea breeze of Arabian Ocean.

As a result of the untiring efforts of Dr. Pai, Manipal is today disseminating light and education to Indian and foreign students alike.

DR. MOHANDAS PAI, Udupi :

Dear Madhavmam was a great soul, endeared to everybody, cheering and enthusing any person who has come in contact with him, big or small. I was fortunate to be associated with him all these years and especially the last few months when his health was failing, he was always happy to receive me and Lilly by his bed side. Your dear mother, true to the Indian tradition, has been keeping vigil on his health very devotedly.

I can understand how a daughter living far away for the last few years, can now suffer such a poignant separation from a dear father. You the daughters have been a great moral pillar of strength to him and he has not spared any pains to write regular letters to all of you which he always used to show Lilly and myself, whenever we visited him. Your and your sister's nursing care supervision had definitely contributed to the improvement of his health all these days.

Men like your dear father do not die and are eternal because they live in the hearts of men and women who come in contact with him. We pray God that you, his progeny of such a great man, with your brothers and sisters, be given all the strength and godspeed to carry on all the good work that he had done all these years and more such deeds that he had planned and dreamt of completion.

MR. VIJAY NATH BHAT, Manipal :

In passing away of PDG. T. M. A. Pai, the world of Rotary has suffered an irreplaceable loss. We, in Rotary, believe that in his death, a bit of each one of us has disappeared. The shock is deep; the sorrow, profound. But, in reflection, we discover Dr. Pai is immortal. He lives through the countless institutions he built; he breathes through every leaf of every green tree he planted; he sees through every eye he helped restore; he laughs through every innocent child going through the portals of the so many educational institutions he established. No, he cannot go far away. He has only gone backstage to return again in another, more glorified and more impressive form. Let us sit in wait for his return — with our eyes, ears and hearts open — to receive him and to retain him; never to lose him again.

MR. K. S. HEGDE, Kaula Lumpur, Malaysia :

I can with pride say that what little success I have had in my career, your father has also a part to play. Words fail to express my feelings. But it is always said "What cannot be cured has to be endured."

MR. A. T. JENKYNS, O.E.U., Alberta :

It was one of the highlights of my visit to Manipal last year when I was able to sit on the verandah of Valley View and look out over the vast establishment in Manipal that he had developed with people like yourself. I marvelled at the contribution that he had made in the lives of so many tens yea hundred or thousands of Indian people as he helped them medically, financially and educationally. Truly he was a man with a vision. Yet as his spirit slips across the seas into a land greater than this, his spirit is carried on through you.

The challenges of meeting some of the needs of your people are great and it takes men to continue to build, develop and serve the vast multitude of God's creation.

MR. H. BHASKER KAMATH, Gangulli :

I join with you all and the General Body in voicing the deeply felt sentiments and condolence resolution on the passing away of Dr. T. M. A. Pai. My father used to call him "Yuga Purusha", which he has proved himself to be. He was indeed a tower of strength to all our private educational institutions, including ours here. By his institutions, of the Academy and many others, which he promoted during his lifetime, he has made this land a better place to live in, and has lit the lives of thousands and thousands of families. He was indeed a 'Jyothi' which drovea way darkness from the minds and hearts of men. His ideas and message he propagated, will certainly continue to inspire the Academy members and, particularly so, with Sri Ramesh Pai, as the new Registrar and Sri Veerendra Heggade as the new President.

MR. & MRS. DALVI, Dar-es-salaam :

Please accept our heartfelt condolences and prayers for the departed soul of the eminent educationist doctor T. M. A. Pai whose valuable services in educating the deserving will always be remembered.

DR. K. R. SHETTY, Bombay :

The contributions of Dr. T. M. A. Pai, as an individual is not surpassed by any other individual in our country. He was a great source of inspiration, guide and philosopher to many South Kanara people irrespective of caste, creed or religion. His loss will be felt for generations; but he has left behind many things which will flourish and give benefits to mankind at large.

MR. MANUBHAI L. PATEL, Udhna :

God is all in all and HE does what HE likes. I pray God to give you and your family members, enough strength to bear this terrible blow.

CHRISTIAN ENGLISH CONGREGATION, Manipal :

Dr. Tonse Madhav Anantha Pai is the Sevak Sage of Manipal and the Christian community pays its homage and humble tribute to him and thanks God for all his exemplary life, devoted service and successful career in Education, Medicine and Banking — a greatest success story in Modern India. Your dear father T. M. A. lost his devoted pious father, when he was nine years old. Mother Yashoda's influence was remarkable in moulding his life. He ever quoted her sayings "Future is full of surprise, be a Hero. Maintain a good character. Use your education to serve society". In the formative years, his six years in Christian institutions was a major factor. He had a unique medical education in the Madras Medical College under Col. Muller and Dr. Laxmanaswamy Mudaliar. In his career he set forth the goals "cure physical ills", "alleviate man's economic plight". There is hardly any one in Manipal who has not been blessed from his benevolence. The Kasturba Medical College, the Kasturba General Hospital which is soon going to be a 1000 bed hospital are miracle monuments — besides, the Engineering College, College of Pharmacy, College of Education, Udupi Law College and numerous net work of schools and institutions under the Academy of General Education. In all these he has been unorthodox or what we will call an obedience to Christ's commandment of love inscribed as the golden rule of life in the Bible. One can compare him to Georg Williams, the founder of Y.M.C.A. saga of services. Religious side of life provided for in this hill is no less indebted to his zeal. The Christian community

Mission. We once again thank God for his devoted life and golden touch of success in all his services to humanity. We commit ourselves to his message of love "Serving God's creation gets God's blessing". May his unfinished task to have 'Lake City University' in education and 'Taxless Society' in politics be realised one day. May his gift of Manipal become "A city in the Sky", "A Kailas" — "A City of God". We pray and express our sympathy to the bereaved family and in particular to his dear wife, Mrs. Sharada Pai.

MR. R. D. JAIN, New Delhi :

I was sad to learn the passing away of Dr. T. M. A. Pai, a well-known educationist, banker and above all, a social worker of the highest order in the Konkany world. His great personality is always before me when we visited Manipal. He had matured good age. The credit goes to him for bringing Manipal on the world map on account of education, banking and the Tourist Hotel attached to the Medical College complex. I know, loss is great but all of us have to bear it. There is no way out except to remember his great virtues. He shall always live till the name of Manipal is on the earth.

DR. R. C. HIREMATH, Trivandrum :

He was a great man, greatest of the great educationists. The whole of Manipal Education Complex, & Industrial development speak volumes about his abilities. Starting his career as a poor teacher, he served out an empire of education. I was present when he addressed the Senate and Syndicate of the Karnataka University for starting Medical and Engineering Colleges. He took it as a challenge. He proved every word of his to be true.

I had an occasion to preside over half a dozen functions arranged in connection with his 80th Birthday celebrations. His speeches were surcharged with new ideas. A great man and great son of this country has passed. It is an irreparable loss to us. He has left permanent foot prints on the sands of time.

MR. K. N. BASRI, Mangalore :

Dr. Pai was an institution by himself. It is difficult to find another person of Dr. Pai's calibre, talent and farsightedness. He was a man of great vision. Dakshina Kannada would not have had the privilege of having an University but for the numerous educational

institutions started by Dr. Pai. Though Dr. Pai will not be there when the proposed Mangalore University becomes a reality, I am sure his contribution in the educational field in the district in particular will be well recognised.

FR. R. SEQUEIRA, S.J., St. Aloysius College, Mangalore :

A candid and self-made man, he transformed the rocks and forests of Manipal into a bee-hive of intellectual activity and a seat of learning. As one of the foremost leaders and shining lights among the alumni of our college, we have still more reason to feel sad; but the torch which he has held aloft will never be extinguished.

UDUPI BLOCK CONGRESS COMMITTEE (I) :

It is a great pride to one and all of us that late Dr. Pai was individually responsible for sponsoring and carrying out successfully several humanitarian schemes and deeds and thereby he made the flag of reputation of Manipal to fly high not only in our district and Karnataka but also all over in India and in the world outside.

VIJAYA COLLEGE, Mulki :

Today Manipal occupies a prominent place in the education map of the country because of his wonderful contribution to the fields of Banking, Education and Medicine. He may rightly be deemed the architect of South Kanara. In Dr. Pai's death the country and Dakshina Kannada in particular have lost a distinguished educationist and visionary. He was an institution by himself, enriching every work he undertook and enlarging every project he sponsored. Each one of his years is studded with enviable success and each one of his achievements is today a fitting monument in itself to his untiring efforts. They speak of his unbounded zeal for the upliftment of the community with a vision which was unfailing and unfading to his last day. We, the trustees of this institution, miss his pragmatic and mature advice and guidance. The loss is immeasurable and the void is impossible to be filled up.

MR. V. ANJAN REDDY, Bangalore :

Our country and her people should cherish his ideals and especially the people of Karnataka and particularly Dakshina Kannada people for his yeomen services. As a medical man, creative Banker

and educationist he has rendered unforgettable service to the nation. History should record him as a Great person.

POONA PEARLS, Bangalore :

I recollect my past cordial attachment to him with tears in my eyes at this juncture of our loosing him for ever from this world. For you, Sir, he is your dear father and for us, he was one of the greatest Guide and Philosophers always interested in the upliftment of millions of poor farmers around him in our Bharatha Desha.

MR. P. RAMANATH PAI, Madras :

He will ever be remembered for the great services that he has rendered in the educational, cultural and social fields and the several institutions that he has founded and guided with great zeal and efficiency.

MR. S. KRISHNAMURTHY, Bangalore :

Unforgettable great star entered divinity; condolences.

LT. SATYANATH HEGDE, Bombay :

Bear the loss and carry forward his ideals.

SYNDICATE BANK STAFF RECREATION CLUB, Pollachi :

"Men may come and men may go
But Dr. T. M. A. Pai's name will be
remembered by us for ever".

RAMANATH ELECTRIC WORKS, Ernakulam :

It is God's wish and the only consolation is that Dr. T. M. A. Pai lived his full life and contributed his every second for the benefit of others.

MR. M. L. VASUDEVA MURTHY, Chikmagalur :

Dr. Tonse Madhav Anantha Pai's demise is shocking. Great man of wisdom, vision and architect of Manipal; great loss to country; greatest loss to Karnataka.

LUBA HAMIED and FAMILY, Bombay :

Our heartfelt condolences on demise of your illustrious father who left a great inheritance to the country.

MR. P. S. MUNDKUR (Camp : Jabalpur) Mulki :

Dr. Pai will go down in history as the architect and builder of modern South Kanara creating an immense potential for employment for the educated unemployed of the district. His absence will surely be felt by all in the district as he had brought to existence many institutions for the betterment of the community, a great constructive activity of nation building. The institutions which he founded with single minded zeal and determination will be a standing monument to his social work. He has carved out a niche in the annals of Indian history as to how to build the nation with pragmatic constructive work. May his soul rest in Peace.

DR. S. W. MENSINKAI, Dharwar :

T. M. A. Pai is certainly a legend. I saw him first time when he addressed the Karnataka University Syndicate of which I was a member pleading for affiliation. Enormous ambition, grit and vision enabled him to concretise his dream of building institutions so varied as medical colleges and banks. I wish he had lived to a hundred when he could have added a few more innovations to his district and the State.

MR. HAJASHEREEF, Madras :

In his death the country has lost a great person of outstanding ability. Please accept our sincere condolences.

MR. BELANJE SANJIVA HEGDE, Udupi :

Dr. T. M. A. Pai was really a genius and a most practical man, I have ever come across. In his death not only we, the whole country has lost a most useful and dynamic person.

Most Rev. BASIL S. D'SOUZA, Mangalore :

He has been a saint for people's betterment. Therefore may his reward be still great.

MR. NIJALINGAPPA, Bangalore :

Great loss all point of view.

DR. H. G. DESHMUKH, Pune :

Only 3½ months ago when I had come to Manipal to attend Silver Jubilee celebrations, I was fortunate to have his darshan

and talk by his side very close to him. He was explaining to me how this gigantic work was possible from a very small beginning. He also told me about his future plans to start Medical Colleges in Nepal and Iran ....

He told me that the Manipal College could take shape because of the hard work put up by the first few batches of students .... He showed me hundreds of gold medals fixed to a blue velvet cloth and he put on that cloth on the front of his chest. It was a sight for the Gods to see.

In this occasion of grief, we all past students share your sorrow, and we have a feeling that we have lost our father, who gave us an opportunity to become doctors and to earn our livelihood.

MR. THAPAR, New Delhi :

No doubt the country lost a noble citizen.

DR. K. B. PILLAI, Ponkunnam :

I always remember the help your great and illustrious father has done in shaping my career as well as that of many of my friends.

MR. ROSHANLAL PADHANI, Middlesex, England :

Although doctor is no more with us, his nobility, courage,humility will shine forever and remain as a guiding spirit to us all.

MR. S. V. PILLAI, Pfizer Limited, Bombay :

He was a man of exceptionally high qualities and varied interests. He was a visionary and in terms of unorthodox and constructive ideas was well ahead of his time. What he as an individual has accomplished is matched only by a few contemporary great men. Death has snatched away a builder and humanist and the void created is so vast to be filled.

MR. P. F. RODRIGUES, Housing Minister, Bangalore :

In the death of your illustrious father the State of Karnataka has lost an eminent son who converted the barren rock of Manipal into a beehive of activity and made it the temple of education.

DR. B. U. NAYAK, Dona Paula, Goa :

We believe that the Almighty has sent this great soul to this earth for fulfilling some of His specific tasks. He has taken him

away after the task is completed, but it is an unbearable loss to all of us.

DR. HARI M. KRIPALANI, Bombay :

His sudden passing away is not only a loss to you and your community but a great loss to medical fraternity throughout India.

SRI V. M. SIVA SUBRAMANIAM, Bombay :

By his death we have lost a real genius, a thinker and above all one who really 'worked' for his plans and ideas. I would like to join you all in praying to God Almighty that let his soul rest in peace. He might start 'working his plans' in heaven too and start modernising it for us.

SRI AMMEMBAL ANANDA, Ankola :

In him, I lost a person whom I worshipped all these years. Everytime I used to visit Manipal, I was spending some time with him which were thrilling and inspiring experiences.

DR. K. V. DEVADIGA, Mangalore :

I can tell you that your grief is shared by thousands of people, as he has done so much for so many, not only in our district but also in India and abroad. Although his physical absence would be noted, his tremendous achievements would bet here for all of us to remember and cherish the ideals of a great imaginative and dedicated person.

DR. L. M. PARIHAR, Bombay :

In the death of Dr. T. M. A. Pai, India has lost a great banker and educationist who proved that by efforts everything can be achieved and we all should not depend on government to look after the education and health of the people. He has also proved that private organisation headed by honest,sincere and conscientious persons can always deliver the goods better than government organisation which have huge funds at their disposal.

DR. M. D. KINI, Hubli :

His was a multifaceted personality. His was a master brain. He was the person who provided thousands of people with food and clothing through his multiple institutions. His master stroke

was the founding of the Kasturba Medical College which is today considered as one of the premier medical colleges in India.

DORE & SESH, Bangalore :
Sad to learn the demise of your father Dr. T. M. A. Pai, who was the fountain head and source of inspiration for varied activities at Manipal and outside.

RTN. U. RAJARAM MALLYA, Mangalore :
He lived a full life and achieved whatever mission he felt he had in life. His life and work have had tremendous impact on the destinies of thousands and thousands of young men and women of both this country and abroad. All of us should consider ourselves fortunate that we lived in the same age and the same region as this great man.

MR. S. VASUDEVA NAYAK, Quilon :
I recall having met him a few months back when I visited Manipal. He was quite jovial and in a very happy mood. We had tea with him and he insisted that we have a look at the Manipal campus once again. He sent us round in his car showing the new temple, church and other good spots. I should say that your father was an institution by himself of which we all could be very proud. He has done great things and showed us a way and I am sure his successors at Manipal will pursue his ways.

MR. M. CHICKKANNAIYAPPA, Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumkur :
He was a doyen in the field of education and banking and he was an institution by himself. In Rotary we have lost a guide and philosopher.

MR. A. R. SHAIKH, Bombay :
Generations after generations will enjoy the fruits of his hard abour and great devotion.

THE PRINCIPAL, St. Agnes College, Mangalore :
We are deeply grieved at the sad demise of Dr. T. M. A. Pai, an eminent educationist and the pioneer of a large number of educational institutions run by the Academy of General Education

at Manipal. Many have been his intellectual contributions to the Banking institutions not only in this district but throughout India and even outside our country. By his death we have lost a guide and a dynamic leader in the field of service to the society as a whole.

MR. CHARLES GOJER, Bahrain :

By his philanthrophic act of establishing the well-known Medical College, he did a yeoman service to the country and his name will be remembered for ever.

MR. N. J. E. BRITTO, Bangalore :

Words fail to console you adequately on the sad demise of your dear father, who was a father not only to you but to thousands and thousands of men and women of India, who have been benefited from the fruits of his labour. Kindly resign to God's will and console your bereaved mother, brothers and sisters who are in similar plight.

The mortal remains of your dear father are no more. But according to our Christian belief, his soul is with God and in Manipal. God will never say no to a man who has done good to humanity, His own creatures. Let us turn to Him for all our troubles either personal or institutional and I am sure we will seek the intervention of God to answer our prayers. Dr. Madhava Pai lives; long live Dr. Madhava Pai.

MR. FELIX BOLLMANN, Geneve, Switzerland :

I shall always remember him as one of the greatest person that I was given to know, and I will always remember his warm personality and his great work.

MR. H. M. CHANNABASAPPA, Nandinathapura :

I have lost in him a good and respected friend. The country has lost a greater thinker, planner, an educationist and a constructive worker for the upliftment of the society.

MR. K. V. SHENOY, Mangalore :

To a humble man like me it is too much to assess a great man like him. He was a colossus and we felt proud when people from all over India asked me about Dr. T. M. A. Pai. ....Future genera-

tions will scarcely believe that one man could have achieved so many things in a life span. We all bow to him and pray to God to rest his soul in peace.

MR. MADHUSUDAN D. KUSHE, Mangalore :

Some of his innovating ideas in Banking were implemented by the Reserve Bank of India though in a little modified manner. This has shown that Dr. T. M. A. Pai had ideas of practical feasibility and not merely theoretical ones.

MR. A. C. SHIVE GOWDA, Chikmagalur :

I can never forget his simplicity and real affection towards his fellow Rotarians and towards all.

DR. SRINIVASAN N. G., Lusaka :

I had the pleasure and good fortune to have been associated with his institution that was founded and nurtured by this person of great vision and dedication. His contribution to the cause of education will go down in history and ever remembered by posterity. He is a shining example of courage and determination worthy of emulation. It is indeed fortunate that he lived to witness the silver jubilee celebrations of the Kasturba Medical College.

MR. LEEKOK TEONG and FAMILY, Penang :

May you find comfort in the knowledge that your loved one has found true peace.

MR. K. J. PAI, Thana :

We have lost a great man of grand vision who built and nurtured institutions of lasting value and with his dedication and determination has contributed in varied fields.

DR. V. ISWARIAH, Madras :

A unique personality who could achieve anything that in the beginning looked unattainable, one with firm will and Godly faith he was one in a thousand. He needs no monument, as the entire district of South Kanara — Mangalore, Udupi and lastly Manipal are lifted sky high to proclaim his greatness.

His reward in Heaven is great.

SRI G. KUSHALA HEGDE, Kundapur :

As the Indians call Bapuji as Father of the Nation, your father Dr. T. M. A. Pai is now the "Father of Modern Manipal".

MR. D. Y. PATIL, Bombay :

He will always remain alive in our memories. Such a great man as your father will not be born again for a number of decades.

MR. YADALAM N. GANGADHARA SETTY, Bangalore :

Here was a man who was imbued with great vision to serve the mankind through the instrument of medicine, education, insurance and banking and that in his own lifetime all his dreams flowered and reached its fullness of life and the fragrance of these flowers not merely enriched the garden of Manipal but the length and breadth of the entire nation. He was rightly known as builder of institutions and maker of men.

DR. R. N. RAO, Georgia :

He has touched my life and enriched it in a variety of ways. The personal example that he set for himself and provided others will always be an inspiration. He created and fostered so much good will, good thoughts and good work all around him in this world of ours, that his spirit will continue to be reflected and be seen in many human endeavours for years to come. He is thus truly immortal.

DR. U. K. GOPAL RAO, University of Zambia, Zambia :

Dr. Pai was an inspiration to us and has set ideals to follow. These ideals will form guide lines for us to follow. Though Dr. Pai is no more with us, his thoughts and spirit will keep us going in the right direction.

MR. Y. V. RAO, Vijayawada :

His tenacity of purpose in realising the desired results against heavy odds, his selection of proper persons for proper places at proper time, his generosity in helping the needy, is the legacy left by him to us. He lived his life in full. His cherished desire to make Manipal as Center of University was not fulfilled due to political intrigues. But for this his life is a complete success.

MR. HENRY NILES, Maryland (U. S. A.) :

However there is also great appreciation and thankfullness for the vast number of imaginative and constructive things which he did in his life. His initiative and energy raised the standards of living physically, intellectually and spiritually of so many, many people. The results of what he did live on after him, as he caused many permanent changes in his country.

MR. H. L. SHIVASWAMY, Bangalore :

Even after his death, his everlasting spirit will continue to guide the generations of people to come, as an everlasting touch of dedication and service.

DR. M. C. MODI, Davangere :

He was one of the best human diamonds on this planet. He has become immortal by his yeoman service to humanity and nation. I salute the great soul. His soul will rest in peace.

DR. M. R. SHENOY, Mangalore :

He was a great man inspired with an imagination, a force, a brilliancy all his own but dedicated to selfless service. He worked for causes and never for himself. In his death, the medical world in our country has sustained a loss of so serious a nature that it will be extremely difficult to make it up by another choice.

SRI RAM S. TARNEJA, Bombay :

His death has created a vacuum which is not easy to fill. It is a big blow to the prestigious institutions he had founded to put Manipal on the educational map of the world.

MR. A. R. MOHAN RAO, Mangalore :

His life's mission has always been to enrich the lives of others and thereby enrich his own. By his selfless work for others he has left permanent imprints in the sand of time.

MR. M. M. PAI, Bombay :

Your daddy was always a great winner in life, because he enjoyed all his accomplishments without any guilt and he enjoyed the accomplishments of others without envy. He always encouraged

and aided others to develop and grow in every walk of life. We can satisfy him — wherever he is — only by continuing his mission.

DR. G. M. J. PAIS, Chikmagalur :

Men like Dr. T. M. A. Pai are extremely few. He was a man of great vision and dedication. He was a person who had the capacity to convert dreams into realities, and the result is the conversion of a barren hill at Manipal into a centre of banking, centre of education and centre of expert medical treatment.

DR. B. M. PAI, Kumta :

I had a good fortune of meeting him on 12 - 5 - 1979 on the occasion of the Presentation of the Vidyadhiraja Award by His Holiness Srimad Vidhyadhiraj Teerth Swamiji of Gokarn — Partha-gali Jeevothum Mutt, at the Valley View — a Health Centre built specially for the convenience of Health checkup of outsiders who visit Manipal to get treatment from the eminent medical and surgical experts of the Kasturba Medical College Hospital — a unique creation of his (Dr. T. M. A. Pai's) and a pride of our country.

MR. F. M. PAIS, Bangalore :

Dr. T. M. A. Pai has been a great son of our motherland, and his achievements in various fields speak for themselves. He was a great educationist and a visionary. The charitable and other humanitarian work undertaken by him will ever be remembered with gratitude by both the rich and the poor. The institutions given by him to the country are first rate ones. Especially the medical college started by him single handed will remain as a lasting monument to his courage, ability and seflless work. No doubt, the Government of India awarded him *Padma Shri* for the great service he ha. rendered to the country. No doubt the whole of India is proud of this great son of India, but we South Kanarites are proud of him in a special way, and we thank God for it.

DR. B. SHAMA SHETTY, Udyavara :

Great persons like your father are born in this soil once in a way with a mission to be fulfilled which he has undoubtedly done and mingled again in the same soil ....

Normally people build memorials and monuments for great men. But your mighty father Dr. Pai was good enough to have built them for him which will speak for him generations to come and people cherish him in memory.

SRI SURENDRA KAMATH, London, England :

We are deeply saddened by this untimely and unexpected end of an era which will go down in the history of our nation in golden letters.

SRI WALKESHWAR KASHI MATH, Bombay :

He became a legend in his own life time. It was also our good fortune that he translated all his dreams into reality during his lifetime and in the process he enriched the lives of thousands of us spread all over the country....

He was in fact a human dynamo, his magic word was action.

DR. SOMANATH PRUSTY, Boston, Massachusetts :

It was my privilege of having worked in one of his institutions and know him personally so well. I admired his creative power and ability to keep things together. I reckon him as a legend who was ever optimistic in the midst of very stormy weather and every-time he came out with success.

I have personally learnt a lot of things from him and am sure his teachings and inspirations will keep us all going ahead facing this changing world with optimism.

MR. MADHU KARANDIKAR, Bombay :

In him the country has lost a great scholar, economist, educationist, businessman and social worker and your family has lost a self made man of vision, courage, integrity and a pioneer in several industries and organisations he founded or promoted.

DR. P. SANTAKUMARI, Bhilai :

Dr. T. M. A. Pai was an embodiment of self confidence and perseverance which he proved could make life a success. I cherish the memories of the few moments I spent with him.

DR. G. B. SHANKWALKAR, Bombay :

Permit me to express my profound sorrow and condolences for the loss of a wizard, an outstanding architect of educational concepts and a missionary devoted to the cause of a common man.

DR. ASHOK K. SAHNI, Bangalore :

I am sure that all graduates graduating from any one of the colleges which Dr. Pai had established, will have the same professional qualities, attitudes and enthusiasm which Dr. Pai had demonstrated during his life.

MR. E. GONSALVES, New Delhi :

He was indeed a giant in every field which he touched and if our district is on the map today it is largely because of his many and varied contributions.

The only possible consolation that we have is that he has left behind not only a great legacy of institutions but also living legacy of devotion and service in the living members of the Pai family.

DR. FALI S. MEHTA, Bombay :

I was deeply impressed with his great personality and I am sure his work is a living monument to his memory, and the good that he has gone will be acknowledged by our people.

SRI P. MARUTHI PILLAI, Madras :

I recollect my association with him in the year 1967, when he addressed the members of the Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (of which I was the President then) on the subject, "Taxless State". It is since then that I have been following his activities and services. His passing away is an irreparable loss to the country.

DR. R. H. N. SHENOI, Bellary :

Such a noble and great soul is no more with us but Madhavamam is not dead. He lives in the various institutions he has built and the indelible imprints he has left in the sands of time.

MR. S. HARIHARAN, Bombay :

I am not competent to recount the yeoman services that he has done to the entire community by his progressive vision, industrious habits and charitable outlook. They are all well-known.

MR. R. P. VASHI, Bombay :

His life was a symbol of dedication and determination, and we all can learn all that is required in life from his biography.

MR. N. N. PAI, Mangalore :

" Resolved that this General Body Meeting of the Corporation Bank Limited, while recalling the monumental contributions made by late Dr. T. Madhava Anantha Pai through his excellent leadership to the advancement of banking, education and industry in general and to the cause of elimination of human sufferings in particular, records its profound grief at his demise. . . ."

SYNDICATE BANK, Hospet :

In Dr. Pai we had an ideal man of action, a social worker and a dreamer of better tomorrow for each and every one of us. He was instrumental in making Manipal a modern pilgrim centre for all the Indians as well as other neighbouring countries. It was he who was responsible for the present social change, upliftment of the down trodden and it was due to his forethought and foresight thousands of today's youths are enjoying a better life. But for his sacrifice of his individual happiness, our society would not have been this rich.

MANAGER & STAFF, SYNDICATE BANK, Robertsonpet, K.G.F. :

We mourn for the sad demise of our beloved founder Dr. T. M. A. Pai. It is wih great reverence to him we remember our positions which are merely because of his firm and far-sighted endeavour. We, not only respect him as the founder of our institution but have greater admiration for his multifaceted accomplishments; beyond all for his humanitarian approach and social revevance with which his deeds are associated. Today we dedicate ourselves both in ideas and action which we humbly opine is the only way left to us to pay our respects to the departed personality.

ROTARY CLUB, Bagalkot :

We cannot forget his services in the field of Rotary International in the capacity of District Governor. The Karnataka has lost one of her greatest sons of her soul.

SREE VENKATRAMANA TEMPLE, Coondapoor :

This meeting condoles the sad demise of Dr. T. M. A. Pai, a great son of our country. In the field of banking, insurance, commerce, industry, education, social services like, medical and child welfare facilities, Dr. T. M. A. Pai chalked out a novel path. His work and achievements are epoch-making and are to be remembered for ever and recorded in the annals of history. This meeting prays the Almighty for eternal bliss to the departed soul.

MANIPAL CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED, Manipal :

By his many deeds, he has changed the entire complex of South Kanara in particular and the country in general. He was always having a MIDAS touch in whichever field he worked.

MR. B. J. P. ACHARYA, Udupi :

As a student of M. G. M. College, I knew Dr. Pai as a man who built institutions. After my father started working for Dr. Pai, I understood Dr. Pai better. I recently had several occasions to meet him personally which gave me a feeling that he was "more than a human being". We lost a great man but his IDEAS will act as a great driving force to many young people to do better things. This is the greatest tribute we could pay to this great KARMA YOGI.

MR. T. R. PAI, Bombay :

With his passing away an era has come to an end — an era full of achievements for which the world lauds. His achievements are now a part of history and I take pride in being a witness to that part of history.

I am proud that I am a branch — even a small branch of that family tree of which Madhavabappa was the stem.

MR. V. CHAKRAPANI, Tiruchirapalli :

When I was his guest in 1965, he took pains to personally show me each and every corner of Manipal. He was cordial and hospitable. I am feeling the loss of a great friend and educationist.

DR. B. A. SHENOY, Kanhangad :

We have lost a great man, a poor man's friend, a brilliant educationist and economist of our time. In him I have lost a personal friend and guide whose contact and memories I can never forget in my life.

DR. K. C. GADRE, Bombay :

With his monumental work he was a legend during his life time. When I saw him last at his felicitation function I did not realise we were not going to see him again.

CHAPTER II

WHAT HE HAS SAID

EDUCATION AND MANIPAL CAMPUS

So far as your love to start educational institutions is concerned, it is a noble urge. You can see whether you can get 4-5 ladies who have had training in nursery instruction and have a nice hall rented out where you can conduct the nursery classes. You have to have furniture suited to the children and no class should be exceeding 16 pupils, seated 4 in each row and the benches can be arranged in the shape of a square. In the middle of the square, the teacher can sit on a small chair. There will be no table for her.

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Every institution that I started has been conceived on this basis. Some of the institutions got recognition from the government and some others were treated by the government as not eligible for grants. We are collecting the amounts from the parents as capitation fee but we maintain the highest standards. People laugh at the beginning but when they find that everything is all right, even if you charge Rs. 100/- they do not mind. Quality and high standard must be all through the guiding factors.

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All the institutions in Manipal were thought of by me on account of an inner urge that people will never let me down and it has been really so. Whatever I could do honestly on my own and with the little resources I could command, has been possible to be put through. The various institutions I could sponsor have been for the benefit of thousands of people who are now spread not only in all corners of India but abroad too.

The lamp we lit has lighted many other lamps. It has been the history of each institution. One teacher was chosen for a particular course and he has enabled many others to carry a similar torch of knowledge. We must say we have had all these urges at the proper time.

I have got to, in all humility, point out that one man cannot do all these things unless he has people's co-operation all through and God's blessings above all these. The inner urge that I had all these years to promote these big institutions and make them the glory of the country, has at last been satisfied by co-operation from all quarters.

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Unity is strength. The efforts of the past have indicated that where the members are united, with the dedication of a few people in the management, great achievements are possible.

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All the achievements of mine have been on a joint stock basis or on a co-operative basis. I have always felt that one cannot achieve anything in life unless there are other people to co-operate and when institutions are founded for the service of others, it is always possible to have the co-operation of the others if there is no selfish motive. All my life, my efforts have been to remove poverty, ignorance and disease and the institutions that I founded have gone a long way to remove these ills. I request all of you to be with me in all my future endeavours also. Let us all pray, at the commencement of the New Year, for God's mercy on us to make our life happy and prosperous.

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The Silver Jubilee of Kasturba Medical College has been a phenomenon. The medical exhibition organised as a part of the celebrations, attracted over half a lakh people — boys and girls and adults — from a radius of about 30-40 miles. The illuminations were an added attraction to the visitors. It has been a great satisfaction to us that it has served as a means of adult education too. The regular celebrations have been going on from the 8th instant and on all the days, there has been a large audience and good coverage given to the history and growth of the Kasturba Medical College.

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Any human activity has always a small beginning and as good work turned out each year accumulates, at a certain stage the promoters themselves feel surprised.

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I think during your stay here in February, it was possible to know how a small seed could grow into a mighty banyan tree,

thanks to the co-operation extended by our friends and admirers from far and near. You must have felt very proud at these achievements.

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I have always been humble when people praise me because it is my firm conviction that one man can only struggle but he requires the co-operation of thousands to make his efforts succeed. One finger cannot do much and it is only when all the five fingers come together that we get strength to do work.

God blessed me with a fine group of friends in all strata of life who stood by me and gave their co-operation and encouragement. I put all your thoughts at the feet of the Lord, requesting him to give me more opportunities for doing good to the society.

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My life has been intimately connected with the activities of thousands of my friends in some form or other and the purposeful culmination at every stage can only be said to be due to the blessings of God. I have, therefore, offered all the appreciation that you have extended, to God Who is the only source to Whom we can look to for further guidance.

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There is now a great desire to start Sanskrit schools wherever there are good temples which have got a hoary past. All the learning which many families connected with the temples and the mutts have been able to acquire will go waste unless arrangements for having Sanskrit schools are made. This is the right time for encouraging the spread of Sanskrit knowledge. At least the fundamentals given in an early age will go a long way in building up a rich material in the next growing generation.

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These are the achievements which I feel in my old age are sources of great strength and I feel that life has been purposeful and its use has been for thousands of people. There is a sense of achievement and fulfilment also. Your appreciation is one such.

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All the things in Manipal have got their own stories to tell. The bank is an institution for solving poverty, the educational institutions for solving ignorance, the press to broadcast all the happy thoughts, the hospital to treat the diseases and carry on research — all working in co-operation, each trying to do its best in the field of

its speciality. It is a great satisfaction to me that you enjoyed all these.

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By this time, 22 places have been covered and in each place between 10,000-15,000 people had gathered as a result of the procession and various other attractions. I was very happy that on one issue, there was no controversy — in the field of education, the institutions that we built and the consequential benefits that the society got.

Still another 65-70 institutions — schools and colleges, religious institutions, business institutions, — have got programmes to honour me. Shankar Vittal Motor Company came next. They wanted to finish away their part of the programme. Manipal merchants were the next. It was a very grand function. I could never believe that the merchants could rise to the occasion. The employees and workers of Valley View also had their own function. It was also well organised. Apart from all the considerations, each institution has thought it fit to award me a gold medal. On my part, I have decided to hand over all these gold medals, at present 22, to the Academy of general education, all to be kept in a museum. My residential house which belongs to Mr. Narayan Pai has been desired by these people to be converted into a museum and for that purpose, they are going to purchase it and make suitable alterations. The present Academy building and this building will be connected and with one or two floors more, it will remain as Academy's building.

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Whatever I did was for the people and I have completely divested myself of any little attachment for any of the institutions which I had started. My only satisfaction is that due to people's co-operation, something of a phenomenal nature has been able to be achieved. When people know that we do not have anything attached, affection from them begins to flow. It is a strange experience but it is all true.

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My life has been just like the course of a river from its source to the end. With a humble beginning, it gradually gains momentum, crossing through many types of land. Take for example the potential of the Cauvery River. With just small springs in Talacauveri, it develops into a mighty river, ultimately joining the Bay of

Bengal, providing water for irrigation, drinking and electricity. Among mortals too, there are I think God's chosen men, assigned certain specific duties and I feel many a time I might be one such. My 80th birthday was a great event and was celebrated in about 70 places where institutions I started are functioning. It has been able to create a new outlook in the people on the philosophy of service.

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M. H. Sri Sivakumar Swamiji is a dynamic person on that side of the State. His contribution through several educational institutions has been signal. Very few can boast of having had this amount of educational activity developed during one's lifetime. Single-handed, he has tried to involve himself quietly and successfully in all activities.

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An outstanding feature of the Academy institutions is that each of them is managed by a Society or Trust of its own with the least interference from the Academy in day to day matters. The Academy plays only a friendly role offering to the affiliated institutions its moral support, guidance and expertise whenever necessary.

We are happy to count you as one among the Academy institutions, and look forward to the improvement of standards with the earnest cooperation of the teachers, parents and well wishers of the school.

I have great pleasure in wishing the "Makaranda" all success and your school continued progress and prosperity.

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Man requires a ladder to climb up. Now you have got that ladder and you will have now no difficulty in climbing step by step to the highest rung of the ladder. Training under and association with good men in power is all that is necessary to increase the capacity and dependability of a person. I wish you success. May God bless you.

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God has His own mysterious way of encouraging some activity or other in different parts of the globe and choosing His own instruments. We can only say we are happy in God's assigning all these efforts to us. Your appreciation goes a long way.

Medical profession is a very noble one and it gives a member a status in the society. It is independent and for people who have a desire for social service, there is nothing comparable to this. A doctor who always has best bedside manners, great interest in the patients and a dedication to the profession, is an angel and I am sure, your daughter will fulfil all these requirements.

Kasturba Medical College is everyday growing in size and also in reputation. When many friends like you are taking keen interest, need I say the burden has very much lightened of taking it to greater heights?

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Rev. Fr. Louis, Rector of St. Aloysius College is a great man. He impressed me very much. He has a desire to get all the Aloysians together for a get-together. I suggested to him that I will be the host and he can invite all of them in Valley View, Manipal. I think it must have just given him a shake. Let us see how the suggestion works in him. If it materialises, I request you to join in the invitation. There is nothing in life excepting opportunities to see good friends, talk to them and be merry with them.

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I am not all very particular about the proposed fourth university in Mysore State. Let us try to see that whatever we have done is a useful piece of work and not have any attraction for any of these high-sounding words. A rose is a rose by whatever name we may call it. We have already a university campus without calling it a university. God has enabled us to build up all these useful activities and thousands of parents are happy with the campus that we have developed and it is a great satisfaction to us. Let us endeavour to see that these institutions are enabled to still greater heights and your prayers will do the rest.

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I am happy to know that you were satisfied by the atmosphere of our hospital and by the treatment you had and what you felt about the doctors whom we have employed. Yes, they are a team of devoted and dedicated doctors. We are proud of them.

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All the recent articles about Manipal in various newspapers and journals have highlighted the great dedication of a large number of our friends who have been with us all these years in building up these activities. I am very happy that those who trusted

me have a sense of pride now. May God's mercy be on the increase on all these.

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Difficulties created by various factors like increasing salaries to teachers and expansion in education at all levels have made it necessary to have a new approach for spreading education. I have been feeling that a large amount of decentralisation is necessary and education must not be made free but fees on a standard basis should be collected suiting the economic position of each school and this amount has got to be paid by every parent and those that cannot pay can have a loan from the government repayable with or without interest at a future date when the student gets employment.

I have been personally feeling that apart from broad directives as to what coverage should be given at what levels and on what subjects, nationalisation of textbooks and various other fads must be given up in education. The quality has deteriorated because it has practically taken all the initiative from the teachers. Even now if we compare the present textbooks in whatever subject with the old books, we can find lot of difference. The textbooks also should not be changed every year. I feel that though this may be a cry in the wilderness, yet through your souvenir, these aspects of education will be highlighted.

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The birth pangs, the safe birth and the subsequent rearing for 25 years of this institution will be any day a document providing thrilling experiences for anybody and more so to the people who belong to Ganguli and round about and who are now spread out in all parts of the country. Your school has had a great developmental stimulus in creating better quality men and women and affording opportunities for a few of them at least to have higher education and professional education. You can be really proud of this institution and its achievements.

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Anybody who goes to that side of our district, even from the roadside, will be impressed by the majestic buildings that you have put up and having had the opportunity to participate in your College Day, I can safely say that the contributions that such an institution is making will be outstanding over a period of years and the whole of that side will be getting richer and richer with

more and more educated people settled down and your college will be the centre of such activities.

I have always held a view that great temples and great educational institutions where thousands of people come, are rich.

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India has got to go a long way through private effort. A desire for higher education is now slowly being felt by the people who believe that through education, they have better opportunities for building up more richness in the family. Colleges in their own home surroundings enable larger section of the community to get higher education. I personally know the great difficulties that all of you experienced in sponsoring Kalpataru College. May this enthusiasm last long.

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Ayurvedic college, conducted well giving the right approach for the diagnosis and treatment of the diseases, have got a great importance in a developing country like India where, by far and large, medical treatment from people who have had good training is denied to a large section of the community.

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College Unions afford vast opportunities for the youth of today to have many activities for the promotion of their curricular and extra-curricular career. Good students have got to strive for unity and harmony and continuously have richness in this process.

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There are many who have shown their affection and regard for many things which they have ascribed to me. I have been an instrument of God and following some urge from within, continuously seeking people's co-operation and feeling that where there is co-operation I must divert my energy in that direction.

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There are many things over which we have no control. Today the students are a problem and any effort of maintaining an atmosphere of discipline is resented by them. We are trying our level best to see that a happy compromise is possible.

I am happy your visit to our campus enabled you to see most of the nice places in the South. There are many things in the South which one can admire. There is much truth in the saying that a pilgrimage to Banaras is not complete unless you take the

Rameshwara Tirtha and bring the Banaras Ganges water to Rameswara.

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What has been most thrilling is that any great object of doing good to others gathers momentum when it is placed before the public and their co-operation is sought year after year. Rotary is an example of how such a good movement can go even beyond one's country and get other people also to be in it and work for it. It is no small achievement in the Rotary that lakhs of people on a voluntary basis are working and having a feeling of satisfaction.

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It is very good of you to have referred to the work that was possible to be done in Manipal. The credit goes to thousands of people who reposed confidence in us and by their co-operation made all these things pos ible. I only pray to God that year after year the circle of friends that can come and appreciate may be on the increase so that continuously at least one campus may be a source of inspiration for all and similar kind of dedicated work may be possible to be built up in other parts of the country.

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I am happy to know that you are having a high school at present which began as an elementary school and which has, during the last 50 years, made great contribution in the educational field for the backward classes. Schools and colleges started in village surroundings enable expansion of educational facilities at low cost because parents can participate in a larger way by saving the boarding and lodging expenditure. South Kanara district has shown a new way in this direction and the educational set-up of South Kanara is any day a pattern for the whole country to adopt.

The fishermen toiling on the coast who form a most important limb of the society have been very much benefitted by this educational programme. Some of the best products of these educational institutions belong also to this community, who, but for these facilities, would not have been able to rise to their present status. Please accept my congratulations on the great service rendered by the school.

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I have no doubt that you will be another great son of our country who, with the resources at his disposal, was able to harness a large number of similar minded people and make possible institutions

like schools, colleges and also hospitals to serve the society in different spheres. I pray God to bless your new venture and see that in the evening of your life, you are able to find great solace that you were able to do much by harnessing the co-operation from many people.

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The Fisheries College and the Marine Products Processing Training Centre will bring new life and richness to the coast where the large unexplored wealth of the sea will be possible to be exploited in the time to come. Few people have understood what a sea coast can ultimately give to enrich the country. Apart from the sea wealth in the shape of fish and other valuables, the coast itself will be having other attractions. I very much wish that the coast along the two districts of South Kanara and North Kanara must be developed fully to provide all the attractions for the tourists to come and enjoy.

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Having high schools on such a large scale, both sponsored by the government and also by private agencies, is a peculiar feature of the South Kanara district and I very much wish that many other districts also copy and very soon the problems of illiteracy are solved.

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Kota Vidya Sangha, by having some model institutions such as Viveka Higher Secondary School and now Viveka Girls High School, maintaining high standards and creating productive instincts in the school-going children, has contributed very much for the usefulness of this education. Every inch of this campus speaks of the toil and dedication of the members of the management and the staff.

I had many opportunities to associate myself with this campus in various capacities. Each time I had a feeling that this was an outstanding campus and there are very few institutions which could excel or equal it.

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I am very happy to know that in your book THE ORBITING PROFESSOR, you have made mention of our educational activities under the title PAYING FOR EDUCATION. You have done us a great service. If only there were many people like you, many problems in education would not have cropped up.

North Kanara has much to do in common with South Kanara but somehow years of neglect has brought about differences in the growth of the two districts. We can have a master plan now in this direction by having a number of colleges in all taluka towns of North Kanara, all working together and not fighting with each other. I only wish there is no duplicity in the efforts.

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During the last 50 years, the educational map of our district has undergone a very great change. With over 160 high schools and a number of colleges, we have a feeling that all people have contributed very much for the educational advancement of the district and also the co-operation of the government has been in an abundant measure available. I have no doubt that this great voluntary effort will be able to carry the message of good education to the nook and corners of the district.

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People's participation in development goes a long way and I am sure, when thousands of people have had the benefit of our activities, a rich atmosphere would have been created.

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I do not know how I can repay all the love and affection which, it was destined, I should have during my lifetime. My consolation is that all this has been canalised in the creation of so many institutions which will stand for all time and which will be always be an indication how things should be in life if one wants to have a purposeful meaning for the same.

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The students of today, moulded properly, will be the rich society of tomorrow. In that direction, I pray that their activities may take shape.

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The world is heading towards a crisis. Unless everybody can have some amount of control over his own thinking, things will definitely go from bad to worse. I am only afraid where exactly we are heading at this rate. Light will always enable us to find out what we are not able to see in darkness. Similarly knowledge can help us to remove ignorance and find proper solutions.

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The pattern of education in our country has been continuously changed but I could very much like that the education of our

children is in the hands of a large number of private registered societies consisting of trustees with dedication. When it is otherwise there is complete dislocation, and divorce from a life of usefulness and purpose. The Government must only try to distribute on a per capita basis such grants as are available to them on primary or secondary or collegiate education and the balance that is necessary to make up should be collected from the parents of the students. There should be no interference in the inside working of the colleges or schools and utmost honesty must be maintained in the running of the institutions and wasteful expenditure avoided. This enables the institutions to expand, more institutions to be founded and proper standards to be maintained.

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Throughout my life, I have tried to do service to others in a most unorthodox way and I have taken satisfaction that is all that I could do. Time has not at all been worry for me. I have tried to see that as much good work as possible is filled within my life-time.

I am glad to know that your life has been greatly influenced from various incidents in my life and similar has been the experience of a large number of my other friends. That gives me complete satisfaction.

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As a premier institution among our Academy colleges, it has also been possible for your college to give at least to four other colleges very able men to build those institutions by heading the administration as principals under the active guidance of the local Trustees of and the Academy. I am very happy with the set-up that has developed as a result, the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College will be the stalwart in this direction.

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God chooses His men for His work sometimes for all time and sometimes for a specific purpose. I do not know what I am for. I find that at the right time He gave me the company of the right people in power and also outside to make the undertakings a success. Let us all pray to Him for His grace and see that we are made His instruments for carrying out His plans.

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I have always been fecling that service of others is the highest source of satisfaction and students must learn this great pattern of life which they are to tread in order to fight the battle of life.

Work is worship and if this work can be productive, it will be also fruitful. How I wish that your students could carry all that I desired them to have as guiding forces in life.

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Little drops of water make the mighty ocean. You have tried to know what it is to get people to help good causes. We wanted that even these opportunities must be availed of by you because you have some influence which could be harnessed in this process. I thank you for all that you have done.

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This private effort in building up a training programme, through a medical college, of students and maintaining standards with very little cost to the government, will, I am sure, be appreciated by the government and the people. Unless there is participation of the people, much of the standards that is possible to develop, will not be possible. It will be a feather in your cap if you are able to keep this institution going as it does now.

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I have been always feeling that the language is a medium of expression and there should be no directives of control over it. Each person is the best man to know which language appeals to him best and in any State, there must be institutions — schools and colleges — which are able to impart him instruction in that language.

By far and large, the language of communication in the State may be English and the regional language and for the Union Government, English but the conflicts that have now cropped up are very difficult to solve. There is no point in isolating oneself from the hard realities of life. English language will give a peep into the world and also serve as a link language. I believe a large section of the public is in favour of this though in a meeting, their opinion is quite contrary.

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Manipal is really a centre of education that has developed as a result of the unstinted co-operation and support of the parents of the students It will pass down in history as the greatest contribution of the Academy and in the proper perspective, will also bring out the importance of all those who had associated with the activities of the Academy and I do believe, you will figure there prominently.

I am happy that all these have been possible and we are able to see all these in our own time. Let us pray that people may have hard work and constructive programmes and in this process, build up what the country needs most today.

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People in Mysore State, by nature, are peaceful but will not let down when occasions arise on any issue if it is in the interest of the State and also the country. The large number of educational institutions at all levels and the three universities along with the agricultural university that are functioning in the State will, any day, be a source of great strength.

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Some of us have always felt that education, development of character and human qualities of head and heart will enable the world to be rid of tension and poverty that are now everywhere showing their evil faces. I do believe in the days to come, our efforts will go a long way and will be able to give some measure of guidance to other similar ventures in other places.

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I am glad to know that you are having the Centenary celebrations of the Ganapathy High School, Mangalore. This is a great achievement and all the glory goes to the sacrifices of a large number of enlightened people of the community who associated with this enterprise from 1870.

Even when there are so many schools in the district, when the history of the educational movement is written, the early institutions like the Ganapathi High School which were the torch-bearers will be the landmarks. I rise to offer my meed of praise to the selfless services and the great contributions through this institution of men and women including Harijans as worthy sons of the soil.

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I really do not know what this 'Private' means. Government also is a private body in the sense that we elect our representatives and they are running the institutions. There is a constitution for each private medical college and the people in the management are elected. It is not the private property of anybody. The government taxes the people and in its budget, provides for running its colleges. In the private colleges, the necessary funds required for the running of the institutions are raised from the students who are the beneficiaries and in order to see that the intelligent poor students

are not left out, they may be offered loanable scholarships and other attractions. However, both in the private and also in the government run institutions, selections should be strictly on merit and nobody should feel that there is favouritism, etc.

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The staff and the students, according to me, are precious material of the enlightened section of the society. At the same time, they also know to what they are to build up the greatness and richness of the society by their dedication and study with a research bent of mind and under a great discipline. There has been a big landslide in all these. I only pray that through participation in programmes like the one you managed, their outlook will be broadened and they will be able to rise to greater heights of glory.

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This is one of the many sad things in thousands that are taking place all over the world today. No campus whether home or college or hospital or place of worship is free from such violent activities. God knows why these things are increasing and why the next generation is not able to see eye to eye with the distress that is already mounting up in the world.

Many things can be cured only through prayers.

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We have got immense satisfaction that still the Sanskrit College is receiving the patronage from the eight Swamiers and a large part of the thinking public. The contribution that this institution has made has got to be remembered with gratitude. It has given birth to another institution under its protection — Sri Poornaprajna College. Udupi has got a history of its own and posterity will always remember whatever has been possible to be done in this process by different groups of enlightened people in various positions of life to add to the richness of the society through the spread of education, both ancient and modern is done.

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All good activities under a discipline calculated for the betterment of each member and the institution to which he belongs are to be encouraged in the student community. Students are considered to have lot of surplus energy which should be directed along fruitful channels. Within a small period, they will pass out and be sources of light to the community to which they belong and the part of the country from which they have come and in their profession,

they will have a great duty to perform. Planning for the same and knowing how to achieve the ends should be the object of these Associations a part from the cultural and recreational activities.

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The Academy of General Education is an example of Community Service in the field of education. By getting the parents of the students who value education as a great factor in building up richness in man, these institutions were able to be founded and the capital for these institutions has come from these parents.

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So many factors have gone into the making of Manipal and the time also was suitable for such developments. Conditions in the Government were more stable and the Ministers in the several States and also in the Centre were also helpful. What we have been able to achieve would not be possible today. The outlook has changed. The parents of the students who lie scattered throughout the world have played a great role in the development of this campus. I have always been a firm believer that if there is no dishonesty, at any stage, people do not let us down.

I am glad you could see in one place what human involvement at different levels is able to achieve. Both yourself and your wife are a unique combination of the practical application of the human values and both of you impressed me very much. You and your wife will be silent ambassadors for our cause. Seeing is believing. Whatever good thoughts you can give to others—and that also when you are not at all prompted by any other motive—will be the largest provocation for anybody that hears you.

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The M.G.M. College has got a history of its own. Without any funds, by mortgaging my property also, we had to deposit the necessary endowment for the institution with the University. By this time, the College has invested over half a crore of rupees on buildings and equipment. It has been able to provide hostel facilities, both for boys and girls and residential quarters for the staff also, though not for all. It commands also a beautiful sports field. When the institution is to celebrate its Silver Jubilee shortly, the Trustees of the College felt that all the old students who are in eminent positions could have an appeal from the institution for doing their mite.

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Man has been occupying the highest position in God's creation and to know how man is behaving in different areas and find out how best he should shape himself is itself a great educational programme.

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Centres of higher learning for women are the great need of our country today. Good womanhood is essential as the motherly instinct that is instilled in them by nature is able to unfold itself for the service of the nation. Rightly it has been said that the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world. Enlightened women with training for right approach and sound reasoning and good character will very much enhance the utility value of all educational institutions.

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Life is a mixture of many activities just as the human body which has got many organs, each organ specialising in one activity. The coordination of all these activities is what makes the human being a rich one. So too the society depends upon the activities of all people of different vocations. Working in harmony and also working for a common goal is what education should aim to inculcate in the youth.

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It is a rewarding experience to know how people are able to appreciate good things. They may watch for some time, they may criticise for some time, but ultimately they will say they have committed blunders and they begin to appreciate and appreciate well. That was my experience this time.

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Just at present, we are having the Silver Jubilee celebration of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College, Udupi. An elaborate programme of various seminars, exhibition and entertainments has been drawn up for 5 days. It has involved a few lakhs of people. They have been able to know what great institutions really mean. The educative part of the exhibition has been a great contribution. All our colleges, the University Vice-chancellor and Registrar have also participated in the programmes.

This is the first institution of higher education that the Academy founded in 1949 and at today's value, the investment on this may be a little over a crore and ten lakhs of rupees. Many a time, I feel that good causes do not suffer for want of money. People

want to know only that the men at the top are good and honest. M.G.M. College has been an eye-opener in this direction.

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Your association with the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the M.G.M. College will give an idea of the present growth of the institution which you nursed from 1949 till you retired. One cannot recognise where it began excepting from the several marble slabs giving the dates and the names of the persons associated with various stages of the development of the institution.

The Silver Jubilee celebration will be an occasion for thousands of people-students, parents and would be parents — to get involved. We want to see that this institution which is the first baby of the Academy in the field of higher education, is able to have its full growth. We can all have a feeling that whatever might have been our difficulties, the planning has been wisely, by God's hand, achieved and it is a pride of the university which has always expressed its satisfaction.

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The work that each man does leaves behind him its footprints; but it requires good people to decipher them and say that they are valuable footprints. Your University consisting of people from all spheres of life, great and shrewd and with vision, has been able to see some spark of fire in me and I cannot but say I am grateful. Let the University under your dynamism reach greater heights by carrying this torch with it to light other torches and remove darkness.

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Having education at higher levels enables a person to develop his full personality and the opportunities that he will be having as a result will be vast.

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Various agencies are engaged in tackling humanity from childhood to old age at different levels. We have been trying to see through our group of institutions, right up from the nursery to the professional colleges, that dynamic men and women trained in different specialities are given to the world at large. This has been a rewarding experience over the years both for people who have been actively associated with these institutions and for the beneficiaries of those institutions.

Knowledge is a great wealth which in the process of being given does not diminish and that is exactly what the developing countries should continuously be given. All the people that come here even for a short visit, after they return, feel that they could have seen more and many things which they would have enjoyed have been left over. It is also your experience, I suppose. When you come next time, I request you to spare some more time and see that not only the developments are able to be appreciated by you but the philosophy behind this effort is also broadcast through you.

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Education is an great asset to the community. People of the place must always try to see that they are able to build up nice institutions for the sake of education of their own children in a congenial and homely atmosphere. Each institution must be self-contained and must try to raise funds from the same locality. Today the problems in the society are so great that depending too much on outside contributions invariably is a disappointment. Parents of the students who attend the school can always be depended upon for handsome contributions.

Educational institutions, whatever may be the ideologies of the government, built up on a spirit of self-sacrifice by dedicated parents of the locality, are sure to rise higher and higher. But as things stand today, they have become spoon-fed institutions and I do not think at this rate, they will be able to do much. Your institution must show the way how, by kindling the spirit of dedication, people can make possible institutions which can last all time.

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Medical students, wisely guided, are a source of great strength to the society. With their knowledge of the working of man, they are able to bring about a strong and healthy society. But many a time, they have been taking things easy and I very much wish that in your editorial, you highlight the role that medical students have got to play.

The entire country is now in a melting pot. Our country's youth have got a great role to play to bring about a changed out look, thus contributing to the country's prosperity. Our college wanted students from the whole country and abroad so that we can have very well educated medical men of balanced views to settle down

in different parts of the world so that they can shed light in the dark world. We have succeeded in a large way. K.M.C. graduates are now spread over the entire world, serving humanity in a rich way. This is the proud achievement of this college. May these traditions grow.

Teachers have been playing an important role in developing countries. When they are in service they have got to be paid well and when they retire also, good benefits must be given to them. Somehow, in our country, their role has not been properly recognised and in the coming years, this will be a great problem.

In the educational field, the interest taken by the elders in keeping in touch with the students of today and guiding them properly and bringing out the best dynamism in them is a great contribution as the youth of today will be at the helm of affairs tomorrow.

In every college or school, there is a students' association, but nothing much, I find, has been done. There has been a big landslide in their outlook and they seem to be divorced from a rational approach to the solution of the problems which confront them today. An organization like yours consisting of students from different colleges will enable the student body to have proper guidance with elders' association in this programme. I wish your efforts great success.

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I do not know why all of you should be so much anxious about a university in Manipal. The more number of people in one place, the greater are the chances of outburst. It is just like storing all gun powder in one place and one match stick ignited is enough to cause considerable damage. What the Mysore University has been doing, I should think, we must be all happy to co-operate with. Let us increase our dedication to the present institutions and see that all the boys and girls who come here for education are looked after well, shaped well and they are enabled to go back as great citizens of our country to play their proper role.

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The Youth has been a problem in all countries as they have not had the proper background given to them in their training. It only shows that right from their birth till they come to age, an environment conducive for their proper moulding is necessary in the society. It is at the final 4-5 years of the university or

professional level that all the finer facets of life must be developed in them which will be great contribution to the country's uplift.

In a big way, the Academy wanted to do all these things. But there is always a limit upto which we can go. God only is limitless. But with what we have done, we can always be very proud of. Posterity will always remember the good that we have done. This is all the wealth that I am leaving behind me.

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In the schools and colleges, we find today people who have no practical experience of either business or finance; they read something from books written also by people of no experience. The young people that pass out of the colleges think that they are authorities but when they face the actual world, they find a gulf of difference between what they were taught and what they find in the world. This frustration is, to a large extent, responsible for the chaotic conditions.

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A women's college dealing with the education of women at all levels was a great necessity for a city like Mangalore which should have been thought of long ago. The Women's National Education Society has done well in embarking on this project even during these hard times when prices are soaring high. I wish and pray that with the effort of the enlightened section of the community in Mangalore, the institution will be a great success.

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All well conceived ideas, worked with great dedication, devotion and dynamism, get people's support and co-operation. "Self help is the best help" — this is what elders used to say. In the wake of our country's freedom, a large number of organizations like yours have come forward to take up this legitimate load of guiding the youth and shaping them. You have got a clean slate before God. I have been a silent admirer of the activities of your society.

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I have no doubt the heights to which your campus has risen will impress very much the distinguished guests. The discipline that you have been able to build up the institution and the dedication of the staff and students will herald the future growth of Sringeri. The cool waters of the Tunga, I am sure, will give remedial treatment for the disruptive forces that are now the feature in

the country. I have been a great admirer of the smooth relationship between the staff, students and the public.

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That the Mahapatashala has been able to render its useful service for the last 80 years goes to show the support it got from all those who benefitted from the instruction that was being imparted and the richness as a result which has been created.

Conditions 80 years ago when India was ruled in different ways in different parts gave the impetus for founding such institutions and the initiative that was taken by some enterprising people gave shape to these great institutions.

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I am always an admirer of good educational institutions and the part played by many of the missionary institutions. They have done what many other institutions have not been able to do. On behalf of all the students who have passed through the portals of your high school and thousands of others who come in future, I wish to pay you my tribute of gratitude. May this institution have a great future and may it be able to make men out of clay.

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Founded with humble beginnings in 1957, it has grown in size and reputation, embracing all the specialities like Civil, Mechanical Electrical, Electronics & Communication and Chemical, etc. Its alumni are spread over the whole country and have contributed very much, through their participation in their specialities, for the advancement of the country. Its new name of Institute of Technology suggests a comprehensive coverage of all fields of technology and its contribution in the years to come in this process will be unique.

One can be proud that he associated with this institution either as a Professor or as a student. Good institutions are always great assets of a country.

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Centres of higher learning scattered in different places in our State are able to enhance the importance of the localities, drawing large number of families which are anxious to have higher education for their children to settle down. Industries and educatioanl institutions are able to play their role better than any other activity today. That you have been able to found Bangurnagar Arts & Science College under the auspices of the Dandeli Education

Society is an indication of the foresight that all of you have in meeting the educational needs of the youth.

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During the last half a century, enlightened and generously disposed people in the society have played a great role in starting schools, colleges, hospitals and various relief centres for orphans both male and female. Late Shri Sadiya Sahukar's contribution in this behalf can be considered as signal. His life will be always a model for many others in our district to copy.

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Twenty-five years' of useful activity in the field of education is a great contribution, especially in a campus like yours where character building has been the most salient feature. I cannot but have my hats off for the very great and useful work your institution has been doing. Your Silver Jubilee Souvenir, I am sure, will contain many articles highlighting the importance of education. The more the elders and the teachers get involved in education, the more we can wean away the youth from all the political ills. We have gone away from the right path in shaping the next generation and to set this right, campuses such as yours can do a great deal.

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In this drama of life, a large amount of distribution of wealth in the country has taken place through several institutions by giving opportunities to ladies also to come up. Through education and industries, gainful employment has been possible.

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Primary education lays the foundation for the full growth of a child and the right type of teachers attending to all round development of the child are the great assets of the nation. I wish very much that you highlight the importance of character and sense of duty in the teachers and see that through these organizations, a spirit of dedication permeates in the society.

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The labour of all my family members — my sons and nephews — has been able to have a permanent contribution in the field of education, beginning with nursery schools and going right up to professional colleges. By this time, over 17,000 graduates have been turned out of these colleges whose annual income can be estimated at Rs. 30 crores. This demonstrates how education in

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different stages is able to bring out the best in each man, enabling him to become strong both financially and also in his services to the nation.

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Modern Higher Elementary School has got a history of its own. Large amount of sacrifice has gone behind its growth and the school has come up on account of the co-operation and dedication of not only its alumni but the founders, with Mr. Jagannath Nayak taking the leading part.

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I had some urges in different periods of my life and among them was the spread of education at all levels as the only factor to enrich life in other fields of human activity. I am happy that this urge has taken different forms. Today, the Academy has become a great institution imparting instruction upto degree level in different faculties. 17,000 graduates have so far turned out of our colleges and their annual income may be estimated at Rs. 30 crores. This is a great satisfaction for me. A large measure of this success is due to the good wishes of friends like you who have been my guiding factors by associating yourselves with me. Let this affection grow.

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It is a very good occasion to highlight the growth of the institution with all the vicissitudes it had to pass through, the role played by various persons in different capacities and at different stages and the impact the institution has been able to have in its surrounding places. It is also an occasion for the large number of the alumni of the institution to sing the glory of the institution and also remember with gratitude the useful role played by the teachers.

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There has been an explosion in education. The students today in the university college are going to occupy important positions in different vocations in the country in 6-7 years' time. The future of our country is in their hands. By having an excuse to celebrate my 80th birthday, I wanted all the institutions must highlight the great role they have got to play in bringing out the qualities lying dormant in the students and see that the spark within is kindled.

Sri Veerendra Heggade is a great name in Karnataka. He is really Veerendra. Having a broad vision and outlook, he has created dynamism in that part of the country in the field of education.

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He had the vision to see that the highest charity that a man can give is a lamp so that it may shed light. Literally it has been so. The thousands of students who passed through the portals of the college are the small lamps he has lit. They will be ever grateful to him for his generous munificence. I do believe the function would have gone on nicely and all the participants must have paid rich tributes to the late Dr. Bhandarkar.

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S.M.S. Junior College has had a proud record both regarding it birth and also its development. Its growth has been remarkable and the reputation it has been able to earn is now the envy of many other institutions.

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In the South Kanara district, on account of the urge from so many students coming from high schools, a large number of arts, science and commerce colleges have been started and in addition junior colleges also. Some of the colleges, however, are not fully equipped but in the whole district, there are at least 3-4 colleges which are fully equipped and, therefore, ripe for being considered as post-graduate centres in the particular subjects where there is full complement of teaching staff, equipment and accommodation. Till in the university centre itself these courses are again developed for the time being these colleges which according to expert opinion, are ripe or can be very nearly ripe with a little more additions, may be selected and the post-graduate courses started therein.

In a poor country like ours, things should not be duplicated. Good or bad, some institutions with a great ambition, have developed and we must, with a little appreciation and also co-operation, make possible these post-graduate courses. The post-graduate subjects may be Kannada, English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, Sociology, History, etc. If this is done, a large amount of impetus and importance will be given to these colleges. Grants also may be given to them specially for this purpose. The saving will be in equipment, in buildings and also since the location will be in different places, much of the hostel difficulties may also not be there.

In our Kasturba Medical College, we have all the post-graduate courses like M.D., M.S., and non-Medical M.Sc. These courses have not only been recognised in our own country but also in foreign countries. In the engineering colleges both at Surathkal and Manipal, there are facilities for starting M.E. post-graduate course. Among the arts colleges, M.G.M. College, Udupi, is perhaps the college of choice and among the Teachers Training College, the Manipal College of Education and St. Ann's College may be considered for M.Ed. Course. I would suggest that a preliminary survey be done and final decisions taken.

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It is very nice a coverage you have given and I am sure, you have given very good guidance for the benefit of the students and the teachers.

Teachers, as you have rightly pointed out, have a great responsibility but the more we talk about it, we find generally the less responsible they are. Each person's ego gives him a feeling that he is at his best. Whatever it is, you have given expression to good thoughts.

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The Karnataka Regional Engineering College is the pride in the engineering section of education in the country and I am sure, Prof. Hegde who himself was the Director of a leading Institute of Technology in Madras, will be impressed by the growth of your institution and the facilities provided to the students and the staff members. Your students coming as they do from different parts of the country, will be able to have a feeling on account of their hostel life that they are all one and even after their graduation, they must live like one family in the country.

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All sincere efforts in building up institutions bear fruit. Your college is one such example. It was a great dream that the people of Udupi had to have an Ayurvedic college and with all the difficulties, it was possible to give a shape to it. I still remember the problems the founder had to face in establishing this institution.

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Mulki has been in a dormant condition inspite of the various factors which could have been harnessed long ago but for one reason or other, were not utilised. The existence of a government high school, the Vijaya College, the temples, the banks and new

activities like milk society, are all adding to its importance in development. Suratkal Engineering College is another additional activity.

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The life of each man is judged at the time of his retirement. Just as gold is tested by putting it in fire, teachers are tested by the public of the place who are having an eye on the performance of the teachers.

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Sri Poornaprajna Evening College has fulfilled a great need of Udupi and its suburbs by giving opportunities to the youth to earn and learn. Though the educational qualifications may not mean anything, yet we find the higher a man is qualified, the greater are the status and opportunities before him. I must congratulate the sponsors of the college, especially H. H. Shri Vibhudhesha Thirtha Swamier on their wisdom.

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I hasten to congratulate all of you on having centres of higher learning in your own area. In the society some great men come and light a lamp that will shed light. If those that follow do not put out the light, it will be able to shed light for a long time to come. Colleges of Arts, Science and Commerce are able to produce young men and women to meet the growing demands of the developing economy of our country and in this direction, the role played by your institution is praiseworthy.

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For the last 12 years, your college has turned out batches after batches of students who other wise could not have continued their studies at college level. Earn and learn is a great philosophy which your institution has successfully worked. The lot of many poor students who join service after their final school has been possible to be improved in that process by acquiring higher qualifications.

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A souvenir will have usually learned articles by eminent men and generally such souvenirs are treasured by many people. The Government College of Education, during the last 25 years, has covered all areas and has been able to contribute much for the teaching profession by giving a substantial number of graduates in teaching.

Teaching is an art and just as other arts, it requires to be canalised along proper channels. As between an untrained teacher and a trained teacher, there is lot of difference. A trained teacher is able to create richness in the school by having a particular pattern of instruction which is the result of the experience of a large number of teachers.

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The proposed new Mangalore University is bound to open out new vistas in the educational pattern of our district. South Kanara people are known for their dynamism and innovative ideas and the new university, in fulfilling the aspirations of the people, will pave the way to provide education relevant to modern times serving the needs of the people. So many eminent people in the field of education have given their thoughts and drawn up a good report on the objects and functioning of the University and I am sure, this should serve as the guideline to make the new university not just one more university, but a dynamic one, blazing a new trail.

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Really Manipal Junior College is the pride of Manipal. I do not know how many great sons and daughters this institution will be able to give to the country at large. All great men who are in Manipal are having this as a great blessing. Their children are able to breathe the pure air and digest all the great ideas that are conceived by all the institutions in the place.

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The Academy of General Education has at present nearly 33 educational institutions and so far about 17,000 students have graduated from its colleges whose annual income may be put at Rs. 30 crores. This can be considered as a great contribution by the Academy and it has also shown that education can solve many problems of life if it is imparted through institutions having devoted staff and honest management.

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It is always a rich and enjoyable atmosphere when school days are celebrated in semi-urban areas. People are enthusiastic and there is a real life and one feels very happy to be in that group exchanging ideas. School Day is an opportunity for the school authorities to present to the audience, mostly parents of the students, the progress achieved in the school during the year. It has now

been an accepted pattern of school life. I am very happy your school will able to give a good report on its achievements.

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In our country, during the last 30 years, there has been great advancement in education but no where has the progress been so spectacular as in our South Kanara District. We have all become conscious of the greatness of education and most of the schools are now having Silver Jubilee or Golden Jubilee.

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I do believe under their dynamic drive, there will be a great awakening in the field of education and the whole of Sringeri will rise into importance as a great educational campus. Tunga is a great river and when water supply and electricity are assured, other developments follow. Today on account of motor connections, Sringeri is very near to all places of importance and the concerned officers of the Mutt will be able to guide the activities properly.

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I am very happy that you have thought it proper to give publicity to my views on capitation fee.I find all those that desire abolition of capitation fees are only intending to load the government with extra burden and till then, deny the benefits to the parents of students who are anxious to educate their children. It is one thing to say we should not charge any capitation fee. What is capitation fee? It is nothing but bearing the cost of running the institution, both capital and recurring, by the parents of the students on a no profit, no loss basis. As far as our institutions are concerned they have been able to maintain the highest standards.

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This college has lighted the lamp of knowledge and the services rendered by it headed by Shri Veerendra Heggade will stand out in history. It has literally driven away darkness on that side.

Good education imparted through institution where the founder is a man of culture, dedication and religious fervour, will be able to shape the youth of the country in the proper way. Your institution and the number of institutions founded in its wake, have enhanced the reputation of your founder.

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Platinum Jubilee is a great event in the life of any institution which requires to be highlighted. The role played by your Sabha has earned for it a distinct place in the educational map of our

district. Through your efforts, education has exploded in your community and I bow down to all of you who have laid importance on education as a source of wealth to the community. Light dispels darkness; so too education helps to remove all the ills of the society.

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During the last few years, the involvement of the public, the parents of the children and the government has brought about explosion in education and a better approach to the solution of the ills of the country has been possible as a result.

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This great institution which is the brainwave of Sri Ramakrishna Mutt, has created history in imparting quality education at high school level. To attract students from a wide area and give them good shape through a disciplined course, is really a great achievement. Very few have understood the significance of the role played by young men who are intelligent, dedicated and disciplined in life. This is only possible in special institutions and yours is one.

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Hostel day celebration is an opportunity given to the public at large to know the hostel life of the students. At least once a year, the hostel students are anxious to give a picture of their activities both in the college and in the hostels to their parents and also wellwishers of the college. A great institution dedicated for teaching has got to have good surroundings, hostels for boys and girls. quarters for the staff and a good location. Judged from all these angles, Sri Bhuvanendra College can be said to have an ideal set-up, away from the bustle of life and the students are having best facilities which can be provided by any management.

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The contribution by St. Agnes College in the field of women's education in the district and also in the neighbouring districts will be written in letters of gold. Very early in our district, this college took a lead in providing university education in the capital town of Mangalore. Those that have had the good fortune to become university graduates will remember with a sense of pride the unique opportunity they had so early in their life.

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Centres of good education away from unhealthy influential areas are the need of the hour. It is very rare that we get such complexes in big cities. I have no doubt the serene environment

that you have got around the high school will be greatly appreciated by all the participants.

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Kasturba Medical College has got a growth of its own and its development has been always a source of attraction for people both in India and outside. Its development has been possible due to the co-operation extended by the parents of the students and the faculty and post-graduate teachers coming from abroad.

The graduates of this college have created history in the field of medical education. I am sure, the successive batches will hold aloft the high ideals of the institution. I would very much like that during this year when I count my 80th year, these aspects will be highlighted.

The College Magazine is the mirror of the activities conducted in the college and I believe, it will be able to project a glorious image of the institution.

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Manipal Institute of Technology can shoulder now greater and greater responsibilities in all facets of engineering, even in an advanced stage. It has the necessary staff with post-graduate qualifications and experience and also equipment suited for the purpose of both instruction and research.

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To a large extent, ignorance has been a drain on our society. You can do much by directing tourism to a great educational campus like Manipal.

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Unless you are able to enthuse the people who want to get the benefits of your educational institutions and raise the money necessary from them, I will not advise you to go ahead with this project. Continuously going with a begging bowl is not at all desirable in these days as charities are few and far between. Whoever receives the benefit must pay for that benefit. This must be the slogan which you must try to implement in your future projects.

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Our Academy has always considered that the spread of knowledge at all levels is a great activity just as holding a lamp in the midst of darkness. Hunanity at large will always be very happy when the doors of knowledge are available to it. All friends like you who have had opportunities to come here and see the activities will be

very happy that whatever appreciation and aid you could give, were given to a most deserving cause.

The world has become more and more lovable because so much good work is being done by some agencies through dedicated persons. If everything becomes just like machinery, I do not think there is anything worth living for. The care of the sick, the care of the young and the care of the infirm — these are things which must appeal ultimately to everybody because we do not know when we will come under that category also. Whatever we can do during our lifetime to make others happy must become right now because tomorrow is uncertain.

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Many of our Principals have retired on 31st March. Among them was Mr. K. Haridasa Bhat, Principal of M.G.M. College, Udupi. It is a great loss to the institution. There are very few people who have the dynamism of this great man. I do think even in his retirement, he will continue to take interest for the further development of the M.G.M. College campus. There is a big function on 31st March by the citizens of Udupi to felicitate him. The encomiums that he received on the occasion probably have not had a parallel.

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The campus of Manipal is developing fast. Our efforts to add another 500 beds to the present bed strength in the hospital are taking a final shape. The new building for housing the Artificial Limb Centre and other departments of the hospital has come up to the third floor level. The Pharmacy College building is half complete. The development of the Manipal Institute of Technology has been something over which we can have legitimate pride. The Inspecting Commission was very happy with the developments. And the commission has recommended not only continuation of affiliation but some increase in seats also. We will have probably another 25 seats of medical and 20 seats in dental colleges.

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There are lot of things in the field of education which we feel we can extend to our neighbouring countries. I feel this is a field where you can explore possibilities and I shall be very grateful for your co-operation in this direction. Education is just like a light. If many ignorant people can be brought up through education, it is just like lighting lamps having oil and wick and once the ignorance

of the people is removed, many of the ills in the society will disappear. We have been trying to do our best in this direction.

We are not able to invest any money but we can give the blue prints for the organisations that we can start with the help of the Government of the country in which our friends are working as Ambassadors.

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Life is a continuous stream where ideas suited to the times and to the development of the society and also the philosophy of the Government have got to be developed. Let us do our best in this direction.

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In this world of today, man must try to make another man a great living force. We are having a drive to spread this philosophy to nearly 10,000 students in our 30 educational institutions and I am happy to say that the parents of these students have appreciated very much this noble urge.

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In the development of the human being till about 25 years, full opportunities must be afforded to him for developing his personality by having good educational institutions nearer his home surroundings. It is the best part of one's life and participation in the development of institutions imparting good education by parents also goes a long way. Institutions being nearer home, the cost of education for the parents, gets less and they can participate in the development of the educational institutions.

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I am extremely happy to have your invitation for the Annual celebrations of your college from 23rd to 25th January. The baby has grown into a giant. Thirty years have rolled on and if one could know year by year the growth of the institution, today it would be a surprise to him to see the college and its vast campus. You have chosen for each day people who have made a mark in the field of education and I am sure their learned talks will have very great impressions on the tender minds. The attraction that these people generally have wherever they go, indicates the height of reputations they have been able to attain.

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It is difficult in life to get a child. Thereafter it is still more difficult to make that child a great and good child. So too it is

difficult to start an institution and when once it is started, it is more difficult to make it a dynamic one. God's blessings and good wishes from all of you have made our institution what it is today.

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It is also necessary to develop some new ideas in the school. The birthday of every teacher in your school will be celebrated as a function in the school. All the teachers and the children will participate in it. The particular teacher whose birthday is celebrated will be the chief guest. She will be garlanded by one of the students and 3 or 4 students will speak on the occasion about the qualities of her head and heart. The headmistress will give a good coverage and any other person who has been invited to preside, will give a presidential talk.

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The history of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College is unique. It has shown how great ideas are able to be worked up where there are bands of people carrying on their activities with honesty and determination. The success of the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial College was responsible for the ushering in of another 5 arts, science and commerce colleges — Sri Bhuvanendra College at Karkala, Sri Mahaveera College at Moodbidri, Sri J.C.B.M. College at Sringeri, Vjjaya College at Mulki and Bhandarkars' Arts & Science College at Coondapoor. Along with these, 6 other centres of higher learning in technical education came into existence, viz, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal Institute of Technology, College of Dental Surgery, College of Pharmacy, Manipal College of Education and Udupi Law College. This chain of colleges under the parent institution, the Academy of General Education, has transformed the social life of the whole of the district and had its impact through the graduates that were turned out from the several Colleges in different parts of the country and abroad.

In order to maintain greatness and efficiency of an institution, continuous expansion and amenities are necessary and where the government is not in a position to help, philanthropists and business institutions have ultimately to carry the burden because at one stage or the other, educated youth will have to play its part in the administration and also manning the several industries and only the industrialists are aware of the great part that educational institutions are able to play in this direction. I am sure,

when you come next, you will be surprised to find to what great heights your chairty has been able to raise this edifice meant for creating service-mindedness in the youth.

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Good institutions in the educational field are necessary in these days. There is a general feeling that if an institution is started, the matter ends there. But it is just the begining of a heavy responsibility that the promoters are taking. Just as the parents have got to guide their children, the institutions have got to be given a proper shape and made to fulfil the obligations that they are intended to discharge to the society at large by giving disciplined education to the school-going children. From what I know, your institutions have done wonderful work. It only shows that where there is silent and dedicated good work, students also are able to have the proper atmosphere created for their future career.

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The Ramakrishna Mission has been having a varied programme in different parts of India and abroad to suit the general needs of the society in the Educational, Industrial and Social life with a bias towards moral and spiritual training suited to the country's hoary past. The record of good work that each unit has been able to have is really praiseworthy.

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Though there has been a landslide in the achievements that would have been possible if Gandhian principles had been properly understood and carried out, the Gandhian philosophy in the present context can do a great deal in creating the proper urges in the countrymen, especially in the youth undergoing university education. Seminars of the type you are having will be very valuable to highlight the salient features.

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I am ware of the great strides that the Kanara Welfare Trust has been taking. It may not be out of place if I say that it has lighted the lamp of knowledge by organising various high schools and colleges in the North Kanara district on a big scale. I feel, in every backward district, an organization like this will be able to do a lot of good to the society.

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The problem of the country is a problem of finding the employment, a gainful one, for all people at different levels to suit to

their talent and also their education. No person can be considered as useless. The duty lies in what little encouragement the Government can give to find out suitable employment opportunities and give training and make the person useful by giving them good training programmes. Character must be build up and is a must and unless trained personnel go into action with determination and dedication, any institution which employs them will land into trouble.

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Dynamic and good education right up from the primary to the professional level, ample opportunities for gainful employment to all people nearer home and maximum utilisation of land for maximum production will again enable our country to flow in milk and honey. Let us all pray that these things will be made possible. This does not require a long time but one year of solid co-operation and hard work because agriculture, dairy and poultry farms are a matter of a couple of months for yielding the results and these do not involve any machinery, import licence or foreign exchange. Man's urge and effort are the only two factors required.

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A stitch in time saves nine. Early detection of remediable diseases is a great and wise programme. Our country cannot afford to treat cases when they are well developed. Students who are in the colleges are the material to be used for this programme. They have got great enthusiasm and they can work as a team to improve the living conditions in the villages. Village life is full of rich opportunities for study and observation and when they are in groups, students can have lot of ideas to discuss and implement.

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Well conducted high schools lay the foundation for dynamic youth and character building and inculcate in the youth a spirit of devotion. Unless the infrastructure is good, collegiate education is a farce.

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I always appreciate the location of religious institutions near educational institutions because this would enable the sacred atmosphere to spread to the educational institutions also. I must congratulate you on having this temple in your campus in order to guide the youth in their formative stage.

Rev. Sr. Bartha must have had a sense of fulfilment of her great mission in life. She has left permanent impressions of her nobility in the girl students that had passed out from the Little Flower Girls' High School. I only pray that such people are sent more and more by Almighty to serve humanity. Please convey my respectful regards to Rev. Sr. Bartha.

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Education at degree level raises the status of every individual who receive that education and he feels the inner transformation. With education, dynamism must develop and self-confidence also. When the spark within is kindled, this unfoldment is invariably done.

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M.G.M. College has been the beacon light for higher education in the district. Being the first college in the private sector after a long interval of the starting of the St. Alyosius College, its achievements have been an eye-opener. While I remember with gratitude the services rendered by all those who participated in the growth of the college, I have also to say that the chief guest will be highly satisfied with the dynamic development of the institution, with the Silver Jubilee striking a new departure in its growth.

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Opportunities for higher education nearer home bring into its fold larger number of boys and girls from the poorer strata and the educational map of any place in this process becomes larger. It has a direct impact on the growth of the place also. I congratulate all the leaders of Hiriadka who have realised the value of doing common good through educational institutions of this type.

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The College of Fisheries has been conducting every educative programmes and attracting large number of candidates for being trained in this great industry of our natino. My own experience of one visit to your institution was an eye-opener for me. Let me congratulate you and your faculty members on the very nice programme you have given in the course of the training of the trainees that were posted to your care. I could know how you were able to make the subject very interesting.

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A well conducted law college imparting instruction in all the salient points in the administration of law and the subtle changes

that are going on inorder to increase the stability of the nation, is a great necessity. Its students have got to be dynamic, law-abiding and at the same time willing to adjust to all the changes that the law enforces.

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Malaysian students have a distinct feature in this direction. Their Association activities have added richness to life in Manipal. I wish to convey to you my personal desire that your activities should not only be wholesome but intended to create greater and greater attachment among yourselves and during the short period of your academic life, forge links which will bind you together in all constructive activities.

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Students, by getting together and having opportunities to honour people who have done great service, are creating a platform for many distinguished people to address them. The wide outlook that is created by the principal speakers suited to the occasion is an education by itself.

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Faculty members of the different private colleges form a very compact group for ventilating their ideas through their teaching programme and also for creating a broader outlook in the students through conversation, discussions, seminars, etc. The teacher-representatives in the university bodies are charged with the great responsibility of formulating these ideas and I am sure they will be able to bring about a new outlook both at the university level and at the collegiate level.

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Honouring retired teachers who had dedicated their lifetime for building up the country through the education of the youth has been a rich programme in our culture and I congratulate you on having got up this programme.

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Banashankari Arts & Shantikumar Subbi Science College is the outcome of the great efforts of my good friend late Shri R. S. Hukerikar and a number of his admirers. I am glad the light that he lit has been kept burning by the philosophical outlook of our patron educationist Shri D. Veerendra Heggade. Let the light grow brighter and shed more light is my prayer.

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Good college atmosphere catering to the building up of the youth through educational programmes prescribed by the university and social and cultural activities connected with the college suited to the age and ultimately leading to larger and larger participation in the activities of the society are the need of the hour. The graduates that are turned out of the colleges should not be misfits in the society. They must be aware of the social conditions and how their education can enable them to fit into that pattern. The richness that they can lend ultimately to the society is the measure of the usefulness that they have developed.

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Under your dynamic drive, you have been able to build a good complex of education and spiritual institutions in Alike. Posterity will be able to remember the great strides that you have taken with the blessings of Sri Satya Sai Baba. May your activities grow in the days to come.

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In the development of the country, not only the government but also a large number of families favoured by God must divert funds for creating institutions of the type that you are having. This is a charity which is incalculable in its good that the young men can have through technical education not only in serving their own country but humanity in general. I am happy that after our country's independence, more and more institutions of this type are coming up.

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Ignorance has always been a disease. Though many of the teachers are trained ones, yet their method of approach may not be up to the mark. Seasoned teachers will always have a role to play under those circumstances. I am glad the best people of our State in the field of education are guiding the deliberations. Generally such occasions are twice blessed. They bless all the participants who take interest and they also bless all those who give the latest techniques. I have always liked such conferences because they are nation-building activities.

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The proud record in the field of education that Sri Mahaveera College and the complex has created, speaks eloquently to the team spirit and enthusiasm of the people of Moodbidri headed by many service-minded friends. Though some of them are not

there, other members have carried on the torch and been shedding the light. You have been wonderfully adjusting yourself to the changing conditions and you are always liked by the management and the students. With this set up, I feel that both the functions will be nicely arranged and appreciated by the public.

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I feel that a soft chord has been kept in everybody's heart and all the people who have had the benefit of my activities are sending me their greetings.

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Schools and colleges are institutions for building up the nation's strength and irrespective of all leanings, the different people working in these institutions must involve themselves in the day to day life of the community and bring about richer conditions. An enlightened and well informed citizen of good character to whichever community or family he may belong, is a great asset to the nation and when a large number of such people come out of these institutions, the contributions that they make will be simply amazing.

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Old students everywhere have risen to the occasion. They are a dependable lot and their love for their almamater is really commendable. Your gift of a Kala Mandir to your almamater will be a great amenity which generations of students to come will remember with gratitude.

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A new programme has been thought of by me. The scheme is to invite 10 - 12 important people for 365 days from round about a radius of 10 miles in the first instance and gradually extending it to 20 miles. This will cover, if all the invitees come, nearly 3,650 important people of the society in a year. First they will come to your Office where they will be served tea. Then they will be taken to the different departments of the hospital, one department after another. The departmental head or his assistant will explain the working of his department and the facilities available and as soon as he finishes, a departmental staff member will leave them in the next department. This is with a view to see that nobody is overworked. It should not take more than 20 minutes in each department.

This scheme will probably throw more light on the services rendered in the hospital and the facilities available for extending medical relief.

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You have given a very nice description of the impressions you carried. Really the Manipal Saga is a very impressive one. It looks as if there has been a magician to work out all these and the magician is God the Almighty Himself. We ourselves could not do anything unless by His blessings.

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Shri Venugopalakrishna Temple is a great contributory factor for having more and more religous mindedness among the students, teachers and others in the Manipal campus. Shri Krishna has been rightly described as a great teacher. His life and teachings will any day enable men and women who have made a study feel that their life has not been lived in vain.

Even a casual visitor has nothing but great admiration for not only the concept but the execution of the temple project located in the fast developing engineering college campus having nearly 2,000 people. In front of the temple, when the programme of having a Vrindavan Garden is completed, every evening this spot of the Manipal Campus will be a great attraction.

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SERVICE ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING CO-OPERATIVES

The Epigraphical Society has a great programme of digging into the past and finding out the interesting features of the past civilizations so that with the material collected, the future development of the country may be planned with better results. The great research work going on in this direction will be able to throw more light on this subject and the deliberations at the Conference will also help to chalk out the plan of action.

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Private nursing homes cater to the needs of growing population and with all modern facilities, patients will feel happy to have these facilities nearer home. You have risen to the occasion and chosen to give these facilities.

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The co-operative movement is a great philosophy. 'One for all and all for one' is a rich idea and the 20-point programme has highlighted the advantages behind this philosophy.

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Our district has always stood for co-operation at all levels and I have no doubt your new institution will also be a great success.

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The personality of an individual is what he builds up. Rotary, through the four avenues of service, gives ample opportunities for making this possible. I would request you to see that the rich traditions of your club are built up by your dedication, and with the rich experience that you have been able to build up, I have no doubt you will have an eventful record during your regime and in this effort, I am sure, all the other members of the club will extend you their wholehearted co-operation.

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The Management of the Fr. Muller's Hospital has always kept in touch with the modern advances in the medical field and the different departments can any day be considered as modern and

uptodate. The addition of the out-patient department which I learn is going to be inaugurated in early 1973, will be another amenity. The increasing volume of both in-patient and out-patient work has been almost tackled by increase both in the medical personnel, para-medical personnel and buiildngs specially designed for the purpose.

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'One for all and all for each'–is the highest philosophy. Many a time, it ends only with the slogan but the people of South Kanara have taken to it seriously and all the nooks and corners of the district are having these co-operative institutions linked together and by and large, their contribution to the solidarity of the district is praiseworthy.

I have been a great admirer of the early organisers of this movement. Among them late Shri Molahalli Shiva Rao is an outstanding figure. There are a few other names and Puttur appears to be the home of the co-operative movement. Though much seems to have been done, I think the dedicated co-operators must still think that every activity in the human society can be reduced to a co-operative movement.

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Rotary club in any place, plays the role of vitamins in the human body. The deficiencies in a society, noticed by the intelligentsia among the Rotarians, are removed by organising various programmes through community service. The Rotary philosophy is a great stimulant factor. It enriches Rotarians by widening their outlook.

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Rotary philosophy has been continuously a philosophy of service through the four avenues — Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service. Whether it is in the Club meeting or in the Inter-City meeting or in the Rotary District Conference or Rotary International Conference, this philosophy is completely reviewed and an attempt is made by man for the perfection of this art.

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After going round all the Rotary Clubs and knowing the Rotary Presidents, Secretaries and other office-bearers intimately and having an overall assessment of their performance during the first six months, the Rotary District Conference is a great opportunity for the District Governor to give a coverage on the Rotary activities

in this context and enthuse the Rotarians further for the remaining six months to turn out greater work and have more variety in Community Service so that the contribution as a result of it, coming from a large number of Clubs, may have a very salutary effect on the District. In that direction, the District Conference serves a great deal.

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Today's greatest problem in the world is to minimise the gap between the rich and the poor, the educated and the uneducated, the employer and the employee and in this way, try to see how more happiness can be created. I am glad you will have the views of so many Rotarians on the occasion.

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God fulfils Himself in many ways. At the right time, right men come into the picture and by their lighting results, are able to demonstrate how-co-operation makes those efforts rich and fruitful.

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I am glad under the auspices of the Lions club of Mangalore and South Kanara Amateur Body Builders' Association, you are having the inauguration ceremony and prize distribution of Mysore State Weight Lifting Championships and Sree Mysore 1970 contest.

These are events which had a great importance in the past. But recent observations have shown that they bring about changes in the cardiac system leading to hypertension of the heart and whether these things should be encouraged is a point which your Lions Club should take for research. I would like to have from closer quarters what was the average life of many of these champions. From my own statistics, none of them has lived beyond 55 or 60 years and many had an earlier death.

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The complex problem of human relations has defied analysis and also management. Seminars are necessary in order to create and provoke large amount of thinking to have rich human relations possible. Many a time man has felt disappointed but all the same, the philosophy of Rotary, to a large extent, has attempted to solve this problem through the four avenues of service. The more Rotary philosophy permeates in the society, the richer is the outlook and field of human relations.

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Rotary, conceived in the proper sense, will be a great force to bring about transformation of the Society which consists of useful citizens of progressive views to create harmony both outside and inside and productivity in the society. Constant weeding out of useless and unproductive ideas, and talking and practising high ideas bring fellowship and co-operation. This is what Rotary stands for.

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I have always held the view that co-operative institutions have a big role to play and much depends upon the people. Let us see how we can do something in making the Udupi Branch a great success and through it, play a very important role in bringing into production all the forces in the co-operation field and make agriculture a very rich programme for our district.

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Co-operative movement is a great one and the philosophy behind it is really marvellous. Unless there are people of dedication, much of what is possible to be done is not possible. All of you have done wonderfully well in the co-operative sector and I always remember with gratitude the way in which it has helped the cause of education.

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The children's Library Association has got to be congratulated on having had the support of the Rotary Club of Mysore. Children are the easily mouldable human material and if they are given proper shape at the right time, it will go a long way in creating proper dynamism for a country like ours. Let us try to see what is possible to give the best in us to them. They are our pride and they will be our hope.

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Rotary is a wonderful movement to unconsciously develop a feeling of fellowship. Though it begins with every meeting at the Rotary Club, ultimately it will be part and parcel of the men everywhere round about him he will have an atmosphere of peace; and goodwill from all with whom he comes into contact. He will desire to be in the Rotary more and more thereafter. He will slowly find himself changed into a better man and a greater man. His interest in others will get others interested in him. In this way, Rotary will work a silent change in him.

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Old Boys' Association has been considered generally as the backbone of an institution which has got to grow. What children are to their parents, the old boys are to their alma mater. Their sense of affection and gratitude will always give them an urge to support any good cause in their alma mater.

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The philosophy of life is only service. At home, it is service of wife and children. Outside, it is a broader family of friends and relations and in the country, to the country people as the largest family and in the international sphere, to the world people as God's one big family. That man is always happy who finds happiness in this service.

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I quite agree with you in your observations on the Four-way Test. It is mostly ideal and as far as possible, for each occasion, you will have to modify it to the best extent possible. It is something like passing an examination with the goal of having 100% marks. Suppose you are not able to have it anywhere from pass marks to 100 marks will be considered as an achievement. You are a practical Rotarian and I very much liked your frank views on the subject.

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The central banking authority, i.e , the Reserve Bank came into existence only in 1934 and ever since, attempts have been made to create more awareness of productivity through the co-operatives and there has been a continuous effort to pass on all help from the central banking authority through successive central, district, taluk and village co-operatives to highlight the philosophy that in co-operation lies the salvation of the country.

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Rotary is a great international organization and the evolution of the same during the last 67 years has been a phenomenal one. It has bridged distances, people and fellowship. Its guiding principle has been "Service Above Self". A Rotary Club is a laboratory where human virtues have been constantly analysed and as a result of this process, Rotary has been able to evolve more and more new philosophy to make this service organization a great and dynamic force to relieve tension, bring harmony and take humanity to great heights of glory.

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Rotary is a great movement to give opportunities for the members to gradually develop their latent qualities of leadership through the four avenues of service. The Club Service is perhaps the most important one. By regularly attending the club meeting and having fellowship and exchange of ideas and by hearing to eminent persons on various subjects at club meetings and by personally participating also in the deliberat'ons, a Rotarian can develop his personality to his full stature.

After a certain age, the only way of educating men and women in this world and making them polished people is by enabling them to mix with other people of position and hear them. Every week this opportunity is afforded to the Rotarians. The Club Assembly, the District Assembly, the District Conference and the International Assembly are all opportunities for the Rotarians to enlarge their horizon of service. I believe your District Assembly will be able to highlight the great role the Rotarians are to play.

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Banking industry is a great activity in the co-operative movement also. To be able to pool small sums or big sums and make them available for developing activities in industries and commerce is a great philosophy which if taken to the village side, can create rich activities in the villages. Unless there is finance, no activity in life is possible. Finance is something like blood in the body and when there is no blood in the body, a man will not be able to be active. Finance may be in small and big groups of people and when such people are able to be in the co-operative movement, it will be an eye-opener to all of them. With the encouragement that the government is giving and the guidance of all the officers in the co-operative movement, every co-operative society must be able to create richness through its organisation.

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Many a time unless there is an organization, we cannot come together, understand our difficulties and see how best by sympathetic understanding of these, they can be solved. Everyone has got to work for the development of the country in whatever profession he is and government employees have got a great role to play in this. Understanding the people's problems and quick service to the public go a long way in making any government popular.

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"Catch the Children young" is a good saying. When they are young, the boys and girls should be given opportunities to have a glimpse into the future of their life and how it can be moulded through discipline, fellowship and noble urges, and the Rotaract Club is a right place to develop all these essential virtues to become the future great citizens of any developing country.

All service organizations, under whatever name they may be, have got a place of pride in our country.

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Providing clean houses for people who were so far living in unclean surroundings itself is a great education. By completing this project, you will have provided a great boon to the area and highlighted the virtue of cleanliness in the life of a family. Rotary has got many things to do and to create an awareness that the way of life can be continuously made better is a great achievement. Your club can feel proud of having met a dire need of your community.

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Rotary consists of members from different vocations whose classifications are loaned to them and by constantly participating in the club meetings, they are able to know to what great heights they can build up the Rotary activities and in that process know what their own contributions can be.

Self help is the best help. Spoon-feeding is of no use. Rotary is an attempt in this direction. Through Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service, the service mindedness of the Rotarians in these four avenues develops.

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I am glad you have a desire to establish a very broadbased and gigantic Indian missionary organization. While I desire to congratulate you on this noble idea, I feel very much that the necessary zeal and enthusiasm may not be able to be got from the people who are around us. The existing missionary institutions are losing all the zeal and sense of dedication that the founders had. It is always so. Man is not static. He is always finding new ideas and new avenues to develop his approach.

Through the ages, this effort has taken different forms in different places. Big or small, each one has contributed something to the country's cultural programme. I very much wish that the urge

that you are developing now will very soon develop into a great missionary institution with successive batches of dedicated workers.

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Children who are now in the schools and boys and girls who are in the colleges — these will be a very interesting study as far as this subject is concerned. Last year a few programmes were conducted and they have been able to reveal that about 97% of the children are affected with one trouble or the other regarding the teeth. Hence the Rotary has tried to launch upon a great and intensive programme for highlighting the importance of teeth and for this purpose, has sought the aid of the Dental College.

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The District Conference of the Rotary is a very great event where in the achievements in the District by the different clubs will be highlighted and a wave of enthusiasm will be created by the fellowship that will be prevailing in the conference among all the Rotarians and Rotaryannes. The cheerful atmosphere and the ideas emanating from the principal participants will be an experience by itself.

Rotary, as is well conceived, is the activity of all enlightened people of different vocations in different places and different countries of the world and the Rotary District Conference is a picture of what takes place in other Conferences in different parts of the world.

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Dental-cum-Health check-up is a very dynamic and useful programme focussing the importance of the great principle 'nip in the bud'. The society is not aware that between 85 to 90 per cent of the people have got dental troubles in early or advanced stages and their health also has not been satisfactory. Such camps highlighting the importance of these check-ups will enable the people to be health-conscious. Please accept my congratulations on the great community project you have undertaken.

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All these service organizations in our country have been doing splendid work. It should be so in an under-developed country. We have got to serve our country through various channels and build up greatness and richness in all the people.

The story of the lion and the mouse will indicate how when the lion is merciful to the mouse, the mouse can be of use to it. However

great we may be in our life, by being merciful to the less fortunate. we can still find that there may be an opportunity for them to serve us. Let this philosophy also be the philosophy in all service organizations.

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Training the youth when they are young weans them away from many undesirable practices when they get older. "Catch them young" is the slogan and Rotary has wisely conceived this pattern and has encouraged in its fold the Rotaract activity so that students all over the world may divert their energies to constructive channels under a definite pattern. With this, the horizon of outlook gets wider and wider and the youth, if brought up properly, will be able to appreciate how they have been able to fit in well with the community.

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South Kanara students have got peculiar traits. They are a class by themselves in fellowship, in organization and also in the richness of the activities that they are able to conduct for the welfare of the society.

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India's problem today is the problem of the poor and if they are afflicted with any disease, it will be making our position worse. The cumulative effect of all this sickness adds in turn to the poverty of our country. I wish very much that all of you try to see that all these problems in the field of the healing art are able to be tackled successfully when your turn comes. I pray God to give you sufficient vision and dynamism.

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Many a time our activities in the Rotary land with the day's meeting. There is nothing concrete that ultimately each Rotary club gives a shape to. The problems in the community and the country are so numerous that each one of us has to sail in this big current. Still joint counsultations and coordinated efforts will enable the Rotary to find ways and means to solve these problems. Problems must be faced as challenges and Rotary is a fertile field for creating the necessary dynamism in this direction. I wish your club a great future and the Silver Jubilee celebrations a great success.

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Only a blind person knows the value of having eye-sight; a starving man knows what it is to have food. You have undertaken a service which is of great benefit to the society.

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The youth of the country is a rich material and if shaped well they become dynamic. They are producers of wealth and distributors too and in them lies the greatness of the country.

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Many institutions in our district were started with humble beginnings; but with drive and tenacity of purpose, have come up and are now occupying coveted places. Your institution is one such.

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The District Assembly is a great occasion for the participating Rotarians to refresh their knowledge about Rotary. The incoming Governor will be able to highlight the evolution of the Rotary in the course of his address. With a regular exchange of thoughts and views by the Past District Governors, Club Presidents, Secretaries, etc., the participating Rotarians will be able to feel that they have enriched their Rotary life and be able to serve the community better.

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The project of blood donation by persuading your members, students and friends of this campus in and around Udupi and Manipal is a great and signal contribution by your association to the poor patient of the hospital. I must congratulate you in having achieved a target of one lakh cc. This effort I have no doubt is able to be appreciated by those who have received the life saving donation. You have literally contributed blood in the service of humanity. May your tribe increase.

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Rotary is a vast field for social service. Man can rise to any heights if he does not cling to his position. His only desire must be service and the four avenues of service in Rotary give ample opportunities to a Rotarian to develop his full personality.

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Rotaract Clubs are practically the nursery for the students to develop into good Rotarians at the proper time. A good deal of the training ground for the right citizenship is possible than the

student is in the formative period. The Rotaract Club is a new concept that is gaining ground in the Rotary field.

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Good work always lives through generations and Rotary is an instance. Begun in 1905, it has become a world movement, continuoulsy having more and more involvement of the Rotarians through the four avenues of service. I do believe Rtn. Governor Anantaramaiah will be able to inspire all of you with his message.

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There has been now a great awakening about the usefulness of the Sanskrit language and increasing number of students in schools and colleges are showing a liking for this subject. It is good that service organizations are engaged in these activities. I only wish that a large number takes advantage of this facility.

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A good act done today will be provocation for having a better life tomorrow. The chain of activities being carried on by various service organizations is an indication of how man is able to achieve progress. Please accept my congratulations.

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All programmes connected with Rotary clubs can be made very enjoyable and highly educative if proper programmes are fixed and suitable persons are requested to associate with them.

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It is heartening to know that service organizations like the Rotary Clubs and the Lions Clubs have taken to this programme and as a result, have been able to enrich their community service activities. I do believe the camp organised by you will benefit a large number of people afflicted by diseases of the eye.

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Young men having constructive views and working in harmony are able to bring about richer conditions in the society. I wish to suggest that you always have rich activities and wean away people from perverse activities. A clean piece of cloth easily gets dirty unless it is kept clean. Your men always have got to be on the guard.

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In recent years, family planning and child care have been very much highlighted to increase the health of the nation both horizontally and vertically — horizontally by limiting the family size and vertically by increasing the facilities for improving health.

As a service organization, there is nothing comparable to the Rotary movement. It develops the full potential of a man by his participation in Club Service. Community Service is the biggest part in the organization.

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It is a momentous occasion given to all the Rotarians of the District to not only have fellowship and renew their acquaintances, but take stock of what they have been able to achieve during the past one year through the four aveuues of service. Every Rotarian must realise that being in this great worldwide movement will enable him to evolve himself and make him a perfect gentleman so that he can render effective service and leave the world a bit better. Sincerity of purpose and dedication to the cause will certainly raise the stature of the Rotarians.

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All these service organizations have been now doing great work in rebuilding the society. It is good to know that in the society, under different names, various urges for serving humanity are being seen. India today requires lot of these activities. In the past, this was the main programme of work by the government. Time is flying fast and we cannot continuously lay the blame on the government,but put our shoulders to the wheel. I do believe your conference will prove to be a rewarding experience to all the participants.

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First of all I must congratulate you on the fulfilment of your dream of having a youth centre which, as you say, has taken 8 years to materialise. What has been most surprising and pleasing to me is the selfless work that you could maintain for 8 years along with the youth who are in our colleges. The selfless work always gets appreciation from all people who know what selfless work means.

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There is a surplus amount of energy in all youngmen and women and it has been a problem for the society how to provide constructive channels for making the best use of this energy. I am happy, of late, the youth has been taking interest in different social and cultural activities. I do believe your conference will be able to divert the attention of the society on the need for having such get-togethers regularly so that ways and means of utilising the youth for building up the country's greatness may be found out and implemented.

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Though your club has just entered the field, the zeal with which the Rotarians have been mustering their strength to further the cause of Rotary shows that the club has got a great future. A farmer knows best how the harvest will be, judging from the seeds, soil, manure, and the weather. Your case is one such. Nothing is impossible when there are dedicated Rotarians.

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Co-operative institutions have got a great future before them in a developing country like ours and a co-operative bank can contribute in several directions being the handmaid of the government. Co-operation has got a rich philosophy in life — I for you and you for me and we both for the country — is a message that one has got to always practise.

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An era of service organizations has dawned. Lions clubs, Rotary clubs, Jaycee Chapters and many other organizations having international bearing are coming up in the country. They have done lot of good work. Most of the people connected with these organizations are people who have got a standing in the community and people of character also.

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Rotary District Conference is an opportunity for all seasoned Rotarians to play their role and see how through their joint effort, they can have great things achieved in life. This has got to be a continuous process and I am glad our District 318 is having a proud record in this direction. It has been able to have more clubs in the district and in this process more districts also have been possible to be carved out from the parent district.

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Your involvement continuously in such activities will be able to give you fresh ideas. That is how life has always been compared to a banyan tree. From a small seed, when it is fully grown, the tree becomes a wonder in God's creation. So also these great principles of serving others and finding in that process, richness will be growing in all of you even after you leave Manipal.

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Mahila Mandala is a very healthy programme in the society. Woman plays as great a role as a man and unless women keep pace with the advances, society will not march forward. I am happy that in almost all important places, we find ladies coming forward

and having Mahila Mandalas through which various activities concerning women are being conducted.

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Of late, the youth has been playing a great role in solving the ills of the society through various cultural and social organizations. I do believe during the last ten years, your Mandali has done large amount of good work and I only wish your organization grows from stenrgth to strength, consolidating your constructive activities.

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India's vastness faces a large number of problems — problems concerning childhood, school-going children, unemployed youth and employment of ladies. Each has got to be discussed and resolved by the co-ordinated efforts of the Rotarians.

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India's glory is the glory of its different States. It is heartening to know that almost all the States have their students in this campus and it is good that each group has got its own Association not only to keep alive their peculiar culture and heritage but to give others also an idea of their activities and thereby force cultural ties.

I have no doubt your Rajasthani Association will be able to play a great role in projecting the rich heritage and culture of Rajasthan and bring about cordial relations among all the students in this campus. I wish your activities great success.

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Inter-City Meet is an opportunity to all the participants to have more detailed information regarding the four avenues of service — Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service — and also the working of the Rotaract clubs and the Inner Wheel. With this acquisition, the Rotarians will be able to build up their social contacts and as a result, have a feeling of satisfaction that will easily lead to their importance in the society.

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The Centre has been carrying on useful activities in creating an awakening in the people about the richness they can have by coming together and participating in programmes which are meant to educate them and also enable them to make the best use of their talents.

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I am very happy to have your invitation for the 51st Akhila Bharat Kannada Sahitya Sammelana. It is an opportunity given to all literary people of Kannada and lovers of Kannada language to come together, discuss and plan for the further richness of the language. The programme that you have outlined will enable all the participants to contribute their best for the fulfilment of the objects of the conference. It requires men of imagination and great resourcefulness and I am happy you have taken up the responsibility to organise this conference and I have no doubt it will be an outstanding success.

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Yakshagana has got a rich role to play in adult education. The philosophy that was able to enrich man in the past stands for all time in enriching the society. Your Yakshagana Sabha has been doing useful work in this direction. Please accept my congratulations.

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Programmes arranged by schools, colleges and other cultural organizations to bring together men of letters and other eminent persons in the society are always richly enjoyed by the students and also the public at large.

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There was a saying that the sun never sets in the British Empire. But now we know the sun has set in many parts of the British Empire. On the other hand, we can proudly say that in the Rotary empire today, the sun is shining bright and showing us all the good and bad things in life. Rotary meetings and conferences will all be able to highlight all these shortcoming and try to see that human energy is diverted for good causes. The District Conference that you are going to have with the participation of eminent speakers and giving an opportunity to the Rotarians of the District to know how far they have come up and what they can do in the next year and who should be their leader for this purpose will be a great occasion for all the participants to enjoy.

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Manipal is a sample of what many people can do if they are wedded to a cause. Rotarians, Lions, Jaycees have all contributed to the richness of the various institutions here. It is a happy thing to know that almost every other day, there is one function or other

of the Rotary or the Lions or the Jaycees. Valley View gives an opportunity for me to be near about them and have an idea of their activities. Man's thirst for service to a large extent finds fulfilment here. May this also be copied in many other places.

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Unless there is a worldwide movement like the Rotary, constantly making attempts to have love instead of hatred, mankind cannot have happiness and strife and tension will have the upper hand.

Happiness and sorrow are two ends in life. If happiness comes, we must know how to enjoy it and if distress comes, we must find out ways and means of mitigating it.

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I am glad to know you are bringing out a souvenir to highlighting the various service projects and activities undertaken by your club. It will be a good medium for the public to know what these service organizations, with their co-operation, have been able to do for richer conditions to prevail in the society at large. Your projects such as free distribution of flower and fruit-bearing saplings, clothes to the leprosy patients, conducting free eye, speech and hearing camps and honouring freedom-fighters and teachers can any day be considered as very useful and worthwhile projects. I must congratulate you on the variety and also the usefulness of the programmes.

Man always must live for others. It is not enough if his activities are centred round his own enthusiasm. He must harness the enthusiasm of hundreds of people through associations like the Lions clubs and other service organizations. The collective effort of all the members bears fruitful results. The human body is an illustration. It has got different organs having different functions. When all the organs function well, a man becomes perfect. So too are the different service activities in the society. I am glad your club members have begun well in this direction. I wish them great success.

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Since a few years, man's desire to serve his brethren has taken different shapes. There are Rotary clubs, Lions clubs, Jaycee chapters, Giants' clubs, Leo clubs and Rotaract clubs. Each has got a different assignment. The sum total of all these gives an indication of how people will become responsive and how the youth is able to play its role in the right direction.

Man lives for others and to the extent he has lived for others, he can be considered to have lived well. He cannot live in isolation. At home, he has got his parents, wife and children. Outside he has got his own professional men in various institutions. But very few are able to make a mark. It is, therefore, necessary that organizations suited for each kind of service must be built up. You have done well.

RELIGION AND RITES

Young Men's Christian Association has a very great objective to create a rich life through the spread of the teachings of Christ and thereby have a better world.

Man has got to develop the divine qualities that lie ingrained in him and constant mixing with people of such nature and through organizations can develop his rich life in this direction.

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Sometimes I have begun to feel that if God Himself could be seen by people, He would not have been spared and that is why, I think, there is a feeling in many philosophies that God chooses to be realised only by those who have been able to realise His supreme goodness.

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Driving away darkness, bad thoughts, wicked deeds and tainted methods by a prayer to God to give us greater peace and prosperity and to enable us to shed our smallness, is a very great awakening. I wish very much that this is kept up as an annual feature to indicate the culture of our country and I do believe you will have had spontaneous rejoicement of all the invitees.

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The size of the temple and the various religious ceremonies including the Rathotsava have been always giving me a pleasant surprise as to what amount of dedication and devotion was existing in our ancestors. In my childhood, it was an occasion for me to enjoy and off and on I have visited Brahmavar specially to enjoy this festival. Being my hometown, there was a special attraction for me.

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I am glad to know that from 1st to 5th February, you have drawn up a rich programme of Shri Madhwa Navami celebration and the Pratistapana of Shri Raghavendra Swami Vrindavan. You have a large number of scholars and Swamiers to give learned talks on the occasion.

I am sure the programmes will be very interesting and instructive and all the participants will be the beneficiaries. The summary of the proceedings, if published in a book form, will remain as a great contribution in the spread of Madhwa philosophy.

I remember how this great institution — Akhila Bharata Madhwa Mahamandala began by having the first conference in Udupi. I must bow down to H. H. Shri Vishvesha Thirtha Swamier of Sri Pejavar Mutt for the great work he has done in this direction.

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Your temple car festival is always a great event. Many temples of our community are known for the richness they have developed and the pomp and the size of the celebrations — Manjeshwar is noted for Shasti festival, Mangalore for its Ratotsava, Mulki for Pratista Poornima, Karkala for the festival of lights, Udupi of Bhajana Saptaha, etc.

I am happy in spite of all the difficulties created by legislations concerning the immovable properties' income, the devotees have enabled the temples to still hold aloft the richness of the various festivals.

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Rathotsava makes it possible for all people without discrimination of caste, creed or colour, to come together and pray to God and also feel happy at the darshan of the deity in the car. Hundreds of people from far off distances come and enjoy. Trade is revived and all people are happy. If guided properly, the Mutt does not at all land itself into difficulties. The offerings of the devotees and disciples in a large way cover the expenses.

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The ancient temples and mutts which were established years ago have found it necessary to have further additions and alterations and also renovations to suit the present times. The usefulness of these religious centres is now increasingly felt and new ideas have been worked out by each Swamier to rejuvenate the Hindu religion. Shri Pejavar Mutt Swamier will be able to give a large amount of his personal guidance in all these matters.

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This facility is a great boon you have given to hundreds of families who find it difficult to fix up the marriages of their members due to financial difficulties. With the sacred matrimonial ties they will be forging in your great pilgrim centre, I have no doubt the

couples will be able to lead a life of fulfilment and satisfaction. This is a very rich programme you have been having for some years now which has evoked great appreciation from the public at large.

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I have no doubt this ceremony will attract a large number of your relatives and friends. Each one of these ceremonies which have been handed down to us by our ancestors, has got a significance of its own, intended to enrich the society.

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The wide gap still existing between the Peetadhipathis and public has got to be narrowed down. Religious conferences will be able to bring together people of common faith and the temples have a great role to play in this direction.

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There is a saying that parents live through their children. Good children brought up well are the assets in the society. May your child grow up to be a good member of the society.

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Nothing is permanent in this life. We do not know why we are born, we grow in spite of many difficulties and we die least knowing that we are dying. But one fact remains that there is an Author behind all these incidents. We can only have immense faith in Him and play our role well with sincerity, honesty and dedication.

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The greatest force that brings us all together — members of differents families living in different places, — is the common deity which our ancestors used to worship. I am glad to know that there is some sacredness in this philosophy and the blessings of the deity whom we hold so dear will always be a source of strength. I enjoyed the time that I spent in Kumta.

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Since about a couple of years, I feel God is everywhere and whenever there is a desire or an urge, my inner self says "You see Him before you". I do not want to take, therefore, the risks due to my old age but carry with me the Bhagavadgita and spend some time reading, digesting and meditating on that.

Each man has his own way of reaching his destiny. There are some who have got short-cuts. A story goes that once shiva asked Subrahmanya and Ganesh to go round the world and come.

Subrahmanya set on the peacock and Ganesh on the mouse. While Subrahmanya proceeded on his journey, Ganesh, circled His parents' stood before them and said He has gone round the world. His narration was that He saw the creation of the Lord in Shiva and Parvathi and since He went round them, the whole world has been visited. Many a time this story comes to my memory and I feel also that taking too many risks on travel may not be good.

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Shri Keshavadas is a great jewel in our community. He had a deep and thorough study of our Hindu philosphy and his vivid and forceful exposition has endeared him to thousands of admirers even across the seas. Today anybody who has got a mastery over the subject which he wants to present to the people will gain in importance. Even a man who makes dosai if he is able to make the dish very palatable to the people, will get into importance. But people who make a little money easily forget; it should not be so.

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The different programmes from 6th to 10th February covering the religious ceremonies and also the cultural events, will be practically shedding light on our past glory and the greatness of our past spiritual leaders who have realised the different aspects of divinity.

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In life, dedication to good causes and belief in the teachings of great men are the two sides of the stream of life which will keep the stream going.

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Shri D. Veerendra Heggade has taken a very great dynamic approach for creating harmony among followers of various religions. God is one but His worshippers are many, each seeing God in a different way and trying to worship Him in that form. These conferences help creation of an awareness in the society about the need to follow Dharma, thereby ensuring a healthy and happy society, devoid of friction and disorder. Shri Veerendra Heggade's active participation in this conference will, I am sure, ensure its great success and confer large benefits on the society.

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Akhila Bharatha Madhwa Mahamandal, during these years, has done yeoman service in forging strong links of cohesion in the society. May it grow both in importance and size.

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These are events to get the people together to have a purification of the mind by highlighting the virtues of self-help, co-operation and devotion. Involvement of all people in good work is the key for success in community life.

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Temples which are great places for worship, indicate always the thirst within for God's grace and I have no doubt the ceremony will afford a good opportunity for the community people to fulfil their aspirations.

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These temples and Bhajana Mandirs fulfil a great need of the society today. After everything is said and done, detachment in life must have a place of importance so that ultimately we may realise that there is more happiness in this detachment than in attachment.

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It has been said that to remove darkness, at least one light is necessary. From one light, we can light many lights and thus enlarge the area of brightness. If we want to have any species in God's creation, we must have at least one seed of that species. From that, by planting the seed and taking care of it, we can have many seeds of that species. In God's creation, the most valuable species is man and the evolution of man depends upon the light that is shown by great souls.

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Over the ages, our country has produced great sages, saints and philosophers. They have considered the evolution of the soul and ultimately the goal to be reached as more important than body. The rich thoughts that are contained in the writings of great people in this branch of knowledge will any day be very rich material for the full realisation of the potential of the soul.

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Invitation to Sringeri is an opportunity to pay my respects to the Swamijis of Sringeri Mutt, both in the present group and his worthy shishya, dedicated to the propagation of Advaita Philosophy of Shri Sankaracharya. The hoary past and the present high position

of such Matadhipathis have been of late found to be very useful in guiding the destinies of the country along fruitful channels.

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During Navarathri, throughout the length and breadth of Karnataka, this occasion is celebrated on a grand scale. After the formation of Karnataka State, this has been on an increasing scale. A variety of programmes, each suited to the places, is gone through. Cultural activities like music, dance, drama and variety entertainment are also arranged. It is a feast for the eyes, for the ears and for the mind.

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Shri Ganesh festival is one of the biggest festivals in the country. I think all people are agreed that the Lord of obstacles, if propitiated, will make greater prosperity possible. Understanding one another and washing out all the poison in this process and having co-ordination and co-operation make largest output possible in the society. Shri Ganesh festival is only a token in this behalf. Without exception, in the whole country, most of the communities observe this and before, during and after the festival too, there will be programmes of bhajans, discourses, music recitals, dramas, etc., to entertain and also educate the masses.

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The cultural life of our country is largely a string of festivals, each having some meaning and this has kept up the cultural unity of the people in spite of the inroads by alien powers.

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Sri Sadguru Keshavadasji appears to have a God's mission in his life to propagate the rich traditions of India by his discourses, highlighting the religious bias in Hindu philosophy that God is the sole dispenser of all good things and it is good to know what these things are. He has fulfiled in a large way, this mission.

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Shri Mookambika Temple has a hoary past and whenever I visited the temple, I could witness the dedication and devotion of many pilgrims. It is a scene by itself. In these days of stress and strain, it gives a new wave of hope that salvation lies in having blind faith in God and participation in all festivities connected with the temples which have been erected for offering prayers by the devotees.

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It is always good that the rich philosphy of our Hindu religion contained in our epics and scriptures as enunciated by Sri Madhwacharya is continuously inculcated in the present-day youth. I must congratulate your Holiness on undertaking this great task and I have no doubt, the beneficiaries of this discourse will not only be able to turn a new leaf in their life but shed the knowledge they have gained in this process for the enrichment of the society.

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Of late, various events have stirred the minds of people and in that confusion, man seeks solace in the teachings of great saints. I am sure, the pure atmosphere that is created as a result of such programmes will give peace of mind to the disturbed persons.

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Shri Ganapthi is symbolic of how conflicting forces can still work in harmony. The rat and the serpent by the side of Lord Ganesh are the examples. The learned pandits will, I do believe, dwell at length on such philosophies and enable the participants to broaden their outlook on life and its problems.

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There are two sources of life, one is the human body which illuminates light and another reflects light. In the case of Sai Baba it is a luminous body shedding light all round. Great men are born, but they are too far; but the light they have given lasts a long time. God has been kind enough to send his messengers in this way in different parts of the world. Lives of great men are only to remind us that we can make our life sublime.

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In the present days, many people are allergic when they are told that their ways of life are to be in tune with the teachings given in the Vedas, the Kuran or the Bible. Most of the teachings in all these religions are the same. In whatever form we worship God, as proclaimed in the Bhagavadgita, it reaches Him.

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Our culture consists of a large number of festivals. The teachings that are enshrined in all these are full of broad vision and the light and guidance that we get in this process is the richest reward.

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By lapse of time, many of the temples are now in a dilapidated condition. I am very happy all of you have put your shoulders together and tried to renovate your temple.

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The dedication of a Mathadhipathi to the cause of elevation of the society through education and character-building of the youth is a great virtue that is to be highlighted on such occasions. In recent years, there has been a big landslide in the useful role that a Mathadhipathi can play by being a guide to the society and in this process, enrich the same. I am personally aware of the great role played by H. H. Shree Sivakumara Swamigalu. If Siddaganga is what it is today, it is due to the selfless work and sacrifices of His Holiness. His work has been a source of inspiration to many other religious heads in Karnataka who have started similar institutions, thus enriching Karnataka in the field of education. I have no doubt under the wise guidance of His Holiness, the successor to the Peetha will carry on the rich traditions of the Mutt and be a source of light and inspiration to the community.

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Temples are the custodians of the great customs and practices peculiar to each section of the Hindu society and our community has played a great role in this aspect.

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Goa has been very dear to the Gowd Saraswat families as they have got all family temples (Kuladeva) in Goa. The provision of a Sabhamandap, I am sure, will add to the usefulness of the temple and the campus will be very much appreciated by all the visitors.

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Sri Aurobindo Society has been a great organization, highlighting the values of life at a higher level. Great organizations are possible only when good work is turned out and Shri Aurobindo Society has been able to shed light in the whole human society of the world. I have no doubt in the days to come, the society will give a coveted place to Shri Aurobindo Society.

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Lives of great men and learned people and their teachings can be highlighted on occasions like this. Thousands of people are devoted to the philosophy of Bhagwan Shri Satya Sai Baba. God's ways are mysterious. He chooses His own instruments to bring about richness in the society. I wish your celebrations great success.

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The Silver Jubilee celebration of the Bhajana Sapthah is a rich programme having a hoary past and calculated to develop the

sacred atmosphere round about the temple. I am glad during the last 25 years Shri Umamaheshwara Temple has been able to develop a rich environment due to the efforts of a large number of devotees.

In the Kaliyuga, there has been a feeling that the easiest way of getting God's grace is by remembering Him and praying for His grace and nothing more need be done and as a result of the sacredness that is developed, the whole society takes a new turn.

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India, for ages, has stood for the study of the soul and its potential and has given a secondary place to all wordly things. The great Yogis who developed detachment in the midst of all attachments and in that, passed on their rich experience about the purpose and aim in life, have been considered to be the greatest heritage that we have in our country.

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Religious heads connected with so many of our maths can have, to suit the times, great interest and utilise a large part of their resources in creating a healthier, happier and better society. The need of the hour is to spread education of the right type and though, there is confused thinking about this, there is a large amount of agreement that any education which develops man and his character and dependability, is sure to have due recognition and appreciation.

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Years ago if anybody had been told that our Indian spiritual life and the heritage could have such an appeal to the West, he would have laughed. But Keshavadasji has said and demonstrated that the heritage that we have is the biggest commodity that we can sell in the western world.

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The culture of our society has been on very great ideals. It begins with Nagara Panchami festival, requiring people always to see that they love their enemies. The festival following is the wearing of the sacred thread, remaining pure in thought, word and deed and represented by the three threads. The third is Krishna Astami, the birth of Lord Krishna. It is signifying the showering of God's blessings on those families who love their enemies and are pure in thought, word and deed. The fourth festival is Sri Vinayaka Chathurthi, indicating prosperity and plenty in those families where God's blessings have been showered. The fifth is Anantha Chathurdashi.

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I need not say how greatly a project of this kind will fulfil the needs of a growing town in these hard days. When the weather becomes inclement and the people have got to celebrate any good function like marriage or a reception, they only are able to know the usefulness of the Kalyan Mantap.

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Diwali is a great festival in India — the festival of lights. Light removes darkness and for at least one day, when people enjoy in this way, just as one flash of light removes age-long darkness, similarly all the wickedness and crookedness of the world disappear with this great rejoicement.

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Dasara and Deepavali reflect the true culture of our country and in keeping with the same, exchange of greetings creates lot of happiness and solidarity in all the people that exchange such greetings.

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Car festival in each place where it has been observed for some years, has got a great sanctity and importance and draws large crowds to enjoy the same. This is one method of propagating Hindu religion that God is supreme and He blesses everybody and without difference of caste, creed and colour, people see the deity kept in a very high elevation in the car and thus enjoy the festival.

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People that have participated at the time of Ratarohana are the most blessed people as there is a belief that at that time, all people are blessed.

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India is a punyabhoomi and at the right time, God mysteriously brings out certain people and their greatness, leaving very indelible marks in the future pattern of the society.

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You had the magnanimity and also the determination in spite of your old age that come what may, you stand out for certain ideas. I believe under your regime, the country will have a new phase of life in the political set-up to enjoy.

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The teachings of Christ which cost Him His life, have to be found. even after 1970 years, a place in our day to day's life so that we may elevate our own life and all that life stands for.

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Shri Geetha Jayanthi is a programme which, I am happy, you have been observing for the last 10 years. People who have had a dedication and studied the subject will have their mature reactions to give on the occasion to the thirsting public. I must congratulate some of you who have had this dedication. In darkness, even a small light is worth appreciation. I only pray that in this atmosphere that has been created in the world, Lord's grace only is the salvation.

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Thank you very much for sending me a copy of Srimad Bhagavadgita. I have been reading this for the last six years now and I do think it has given me great satisfaction and dynamism. Many a time, I wanted to retire but Gita has given me a feeling that my assignment is not yet over.

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The teachings of Basaveshwar will have always an elevating effect. They are eminently practical and difinitely create a richer spiritual life. I am sure, this 7 day's programme will cover all aspects of the life and teachings of Basaveshwar. It will be a very rich contribution in this era to spread the teachings of so many great men who have left indelible impressions on the sands of time by their works and teachings. In this age of darkness, their teachings will serve as a source of light, showing which way the right path lies.

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The Hindu festivals have got a great meaning. If we are to have the grace of the Lord of Obstacles, lot of preparation is necessary. We must love our enemies, we must be pure in thought, word and deed and if these are done, Lord's grace will be there and we will be in plenty.

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Somewhere you must start with all cultural and good activities. By receiving the blessings of the people in power and also having the inspirational guidance of the spiritual head of our community, I am sure, your activities will be more purposeful and fruitful.

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I am sure, this programme will give to all the people who participate an insight into the great philosophy of Bhagavadgita. Unless there is an introduction by some learned man who has had the

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Music occupies a prominent place in the social and cultural life of humanity. The practice of music of different kinds all over the world is itself a revelation not only of the vastness of this sphere of human activity but also the wide range that the people have been practising for centuries. A time has come to classify all these and highlight and also develop new techniques and melodies. At conference of the type that you have organised where prominent musicians will be participating, will be able to discuss all aspects and formulate proposals to make the art more appealing.

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The current is so forceful that today's youth does not know where to have its future carved out. People who have had a deeper study into the problems of the youth in the modern thinking world, serve the larger cause by putting their thoughts in the form of a cultural book.

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I thank you for your New Year Greetings put in your own way by way of a message. It is full of meaning. I wish people are able to know what exactly Bapuji said after so much of suffering.

Man thinks that the sun will shine for all time. He forgets that the sun shines only for 12 hours and for another 12 hours more or less there will be darkness. Similarly when Bapuji said something for a short time, it is just like the sun shining. Thereafter it is followed by darkness.

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For a growing town like Hungarkutta, a library and reading room will be the beginning of a series of rich activities. You have got now a high school, some factories and a natural port growing in importance.

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The Indian Medical Association, at all its branches, must arrange programmes of this nature. Refresher courses go a long way in bringing about a new outlook in all practising doctors and enable them to know the latest lines of treatment, diagnosis, etc., in the healing art. I am sure, the deliberations will make all the participants richer and serve a very useful purpose.

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The girl guide movement is a sacred one. As the slogan goes, the children must be caught when they are young. The broad ideas which have got to be developed in life are inculcated best in the children when they are in the formative period. The disciplined life that the training camp required them to lead and the respect they have got to give to their elders, give them a robust outlook and make them enlightened citizens in the days to come.

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Music has been the mainstay of the society from time immemorial and with the passage of time, there have been many innovations to suit the changing times.

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The scout movement has gained ground in our district. It has turned out a large number of disciplined men and women. The affection that develops in the scout camps and the discipline that is inculcated in the participants are any way worthy of appreciation. The disciplined life enables the participants to develop their full personality and make them useful citizens in the days to come.

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Active participation of ladies in important walks of life and occupying positions of dignity and social status can go a long way in ameliorating the conditions of women in the country. With the International Women's Year as the programme, the virtues of humility, grace and wise understanding of the problems in women can be highlighted and how by enlightened co-operation both at home and outside, the women can make the society happier, I believe this programme will bring to light the great virtues that can be harnessed in women.

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Wherever women have played a great role, the fruit has been always in abundance in creating great leaders, good literature and productivity in the nation. Man and woman have to play side by side their respective roles; no one is complete without the other and the exalted position a woman is entitled to have must continuously be highlighted on every platform so that if there has been any lapse in the past, we can make it up in the future.

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Yakshagana has done yeoman service in giving mass education on the outlook of man of life's problems and how it was in the past and how it should be in the future. Such culturai organizations

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tug of war finals has got great educative value. Pulling together at the same time with all the might we can is a deciding factor. In our country too, let us pull together with all the might we can for achieving the greatness of our country and I pray that God may bless us in our efforts.

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This convention will highlight how this can be well organised and how between the different organizations, there can be a link and active participation without disturbing their individual existence. The human body is the best illustration of this function.

The human body has got different organs — the brain, the eyes, the nose, the ears, the tongue, the heart, the lungs, the kidneys and the liver. Though each has got a function of its own to perform, all the organs are co-operating with one another and make a good life possible. The brain is the directing force and the blood that goes to all the organs is the media by which the nourishment is taking place and the nervous system is the communicating link with all the organs. So, in the human body, there is a sense of detachment of all the organs so far as their individual functions are concerned and attachment also as they exist only if the body exists. Broadly speaking, in this way, much can be done.

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Journalism is a very sacred field and the people who dabble in it must have definite views of life which will make possible productivity in the nation. The language must be clean and forceful, the ideas must be workable and the time spent in reading their views must be considered as well spent. Judged from all these, I very much enjoyed the various issues of your Janmabhumi. I will only pray that you and your successors are able to keep this high tradition in the days to come.

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For some years, now, the renaissance in Kannada literature by observing this festival by hundreds of Kannada Sanghas in the State has been an exhilarating experience. People have come to know distinguished writers and enjoyed their writings.

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Great opportunities are awaiting for the atmosphere which is at present foul, to be converted into a very healthy one by the concerted efforts of women in our country. They are the builders of a really rich country if only people have got great confidence in

them. I have always felt that enlightened women will be able to do more than anybody else by way of constructive programmes and I believe your session will highlight the great future that is possible to be built up by these efforts carried on a country wide scale.

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The continuous involvement of the members of the Bhagini Samaj in such activities of an all embracing nature right up from Sishu Nilaya to association of departed great heroes of our country, will be a very rich programme, leaving behind a proper image of dedicated women of great human values and continuously creating richness in this process.

Women are the builders of a country and given proper opportunities, they will very soon take rapid strides in establishing very great institutions for the service of the society.

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We live in variety; variety is the spice of life. Under the students' association that you have, so many language groups all adding strength to each other is a great feature that is developing now in educational institutions. The contribution that you can make for the language by these contacts with literary people will be a great and rich one.

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Any language which has been for generations a prominent means of communication of the society, deserves all the encouragement. Konkani language has got a great past and I am sure, with each annual day, the coverage will bring out the importance of the language and its achievements. I wish the function great succes.

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Women can play a great role both at home and outside and womens' movement is a rich one because they always concentrate on constructive activities. I am sure the commemoration volume will highlight the rich activities of your Sabha.

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Let us all pray that the sun and the moon who symbolise time immortal, keep us always jubilant and enable us to achieve some thing to last for ever. All the other things in life have got an end which many people forget. Let the New Year be a great one for all of you.

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Increasing trade and also traffic of different kinds of vehicles make it necessary for having in as many places as possible spare parts for the different vehicles in order to make this automobile industry a very reliable one.

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Panchayat units have got a big role to play in the administration of the country. Panchayat administration is total involvement of the government at the lowest level and I am sure, in the days to come, Panchayat administration will be just like the tremendous working that takes places in a cell of the human body.

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Medical graduates coming out of the medical colleges must try to settle down in rural parts and see that the latest techniques in dealing with infections and curable diseases are used efficiently and sufficiently well. The location of a big-size hospital at Manipal with all the facilities for specialised treatment is of great benefit to the clinics functioning in a radius of about 20 miles of Manipal.

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During these sixty years, you had opportunities to have a comprehensive picture of the activities in which you were engaged and what you can next do for the rest of the span of your life.

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The inauguration of Hotel Mallika was a great event in the history of Udupi. You have got all the salient features of a well-equipped hotel by arranging this function and getting the elite of Udupi to know the special features in your hotel. I believe your hotel will have sufficient attractions for nearly 1,300 students coming from different areas of the country who are in Manipal. Once they know the high standards and the conveniences that are in your hotel, they will have a desire to be your customers also.

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The horizon has expanded. Travel facilities have made possible to see what other countries are doing. A great future is awaiting all such developing countries. Let us all pray that great virtues develop in all citizens. Dedication to the country and devotion for hard and good work and appreciation for everything that is noble must be the urge in the young men.

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The political atmosphere is not very congenial now. You may have to keep on beating your drum for some time. People who

have some money for charities, are shy to give because everyone afterwards hangs on them. They are now shunning publicity. So I think you will have to wait for some time before such charities flow for projects like this.

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Maternity and general nursing homes scattered throughout the length and breadth of our country have to go a long way in improving the health conditions, detecting early cases and giving suitable guidance. In fact modern medical science recognises the importance of such clinics. They are the links which have got to build up higher centres in the healing art. I send you my blessings for the occasion.

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It may be a wonder if people come to know that 90 per cent of the people are having one trouble or other with their teeth. We must make people dental conscious and children in schools and colleges have got to be repeatedly examined and advised to have proper dental care and also treatment. Giving them food which will always enable them to enjoy good and strong teeth, is a must in future. The food habits are largely responsible for dental decay. How I wish your directory is able to give full information regarding this, highlighting also the complicated treatment for each kind of ailment that is now being developed under the speciality in your institution!

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The Golden Jubilee of an institution is a great event. The growth of the institution and the several services it was able to develop as a result of its rich experience will all be highlighted in the course of the Golden Jubilee celebration. The growth of the Syndicate Bank is always a matter for exhilaration for all those who have been associated with it. Mr. T. A. Pai and Mr. K. K. Pai who succeeded me as Managing Directors of the Bank, I am sure, will feel very happy about their association with the institution. The satisfaction that we have is the reward that we get from the sense of involvement and the rich dividends it gave to the country in this process.

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An Ayurvedic Dispensary manned by experienced people will go a long way in bringing down the cost of treatment and helping the students also to be well-equipped for the treatment of various diseases under the Ayurvedic system. A large number of friends

in this process, the co-operations of all his well-wishers and blessings from God.

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In a vast country like ours, various systems of medicine have been trying to relieve the suffering of man and among them Ayurveda occupies a very important place. With all these, the treatment of the sick has not at all touched the fringe of the problem.

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On the whole, the public could know the growth of the institution from its infancy till today and the trials and tribulations the founder had to undergo. It only demonstrated that God's blessings are always on those that toil with honesty for the good of the society at large.

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All the wise men all over the world, whether they are in the government or in trade and industry, are trying to put seeds of co-operation and goodwill. Destruction is very easy to be brought about; even a small match stick is enough. But construction is not so easy. It requires years of hard and dedicated work and co-operation and love to be harnessed and encouragement from the government in a large way. Wise men have also begun to feel that efforts should be directed for activities which will keep millions of people engaged. Some of these activities are spread of education, agriculture, cattle farm, poultry and small scale industries. I do feel that there is some meaning in the changing pattern.

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Nobody has recognised the need of water and air. Water may be dirty in some place or air may be poisonous. But nature knows how to purify water and air. Every minute the water evaporates and the vapour is taken by the winds to some other place and it sheds as rain, again to be collected in the wells and rivers for drinking. Similarly, everyday every paise that people earn has got to go as evaporation into the vaults of the banks as deposits and the banks in turn must try to see that all the thirsty regions of the earth where water is needed, are served by having financial help made available. I am glad this concept has now been the recognised practice. I do believe all the employees of the Syndicate Bank will keep the flag of this institution flying very high. Nothing can give me as much happiness as to see the glory of this institution.

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Among the organs in the human body, the eye occupies a very prominent place. There is a gulf of difference between a man with eye-sight and a man without eye-sight; it is the differences between bitterness and sweetness. We had in the lower classes a game 'fixing the pig's tail'. Every student was blindfolded and was asked to fix the tail on the blackboard. It evoked great interest and at the same time highlighted the importance of the eye organ.

Your gift will go a long way in enhancing the usefulness of our Ophthalmology Department here.

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Poverty, ignorance and disease have been the major problems of our country and we have been trying, in our own small way, to minimise the rigours of these ills by starting institutions with the co-operation of our friends and admirers and we can have a feeling of satisfaction that we have been able to play our part well and our institutions today are the pride of the nation.

The Eye Department of our hospital here has been very active and thanks to your assistance and guidance, they have been able to have a glorious account of public service. I only wish this collaboration continues for a long time to come.

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Thank you very much for your greetings on the occasion of the conferment of Sri Vidyadhiraja Award on me. I do believe this is an indication of the great appreciation the public at large have for my achievements in various fields of human activity. It has been my desire all along to serve humanity in the best way possible and God has been kind on me in giving me the right type of people at the right time to see the fulfilment of my dreams.

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The largest activity in the world today is building construction and all specialists concerned with buildings — architects, engineers contractors and skilled masons — have all a great role to play in this field. I only wish that the service they extend is of quality and the people that receive the service feel happy with it.

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Having healing centres run by experienced people and rendering medical aid in the best form and free from all complaints from the patients is a great contribution for the welfare of the society. I pray God to give you a desire to attend to your patients whenever they need your services.

The honey bee finds out the honey even if the beehive is kept in any place. It goes long distances to find honey in the flowers. Similarly a hardworking employee of the bank finds a prospective depositor eventhough the place may appear to be thinly populated. Unless branch - banking has reached the saturation point, the full development of a country is not possible.

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This is a dream come true. I had given an indication that during my lifetime, I should see that this Bank is able to have 1000 branches, 10,000 employees and Rs. 1,000 crore deposits. I am extremely happy it has been able to achieve these targets. Nothing can give me as much pleasure as to see that the targets we had put long ago which people at that time considered as impossible, were at last possible to be reached by God's blessings and through your efforts. I must congratulate all the employees of the Syndicate Bank for earning this coveted position for their institution.

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Growth is always a sign of health. When growth has ceased, it means some disease has crept in. I request you to have a new cell created to indicate to you whether really the growth is a healthy growth, whether there are any diseases due to the arrogance, conceit and bossing of the employees over a large number of customers. Courtesy should be the watchword.

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It is always said that people who have constructed new houses in their lifetime are considered to have done a meritorious act. It is giving to the society one more habitation. Some people like to have old houses purchased and carry out some repairs and then occupy. But you have done the right thing. It will add to the beauty of Kallianpur. Kallianpur now can boast of many families which have come up in their financial position and if each family now tries to convert its house into a new one, I think Kallianpur will look more beautiful.

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There is no field in which Shri K. S. N. Adiga has not taken interest. As an eminent lawyer of great importance, he has served his clients; as the Municipal President, he was responsible for getting water supply to Mangalore and as a member of the Mysore University Syndicate, he strove to bring about great educational reforms. I also remember with gratitude his association with our

Kasturba Medical College as a member of the Trust representing the University of Mysore. In whichever activity he was involved, he has left impressions of his earnestness and dedicated service. I have no doubt all the speakers on the occasion will pay their eloquent tribute for the services rendered by Sri Adiga.

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This will be one more great amenity provided to the telephone subscribers of Udupi who have been growing in number, of late. The present size of Udupi Town and its activities, I need hardly say, do require this facility and I have no doubt this facility will soon become popular.

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The advance of science has always kept pace with the utilities that it is giving to the public and the Telephones Unit has been able to give immense benefits to the general public in this direction. I still remember the days when we were struggling for getting telephone service and the department was bargaining with us each time, fixing a higher limit for the subscriber. I am glad today the subscribers have increased and I do not think even the department thought that this would be the size of the subscribers' list. The future of every person, every place and every country is what we make. Growth does not suddenly drop from the heaven. Growth is what we have sweated for.

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I congratulate you on your new venture. It is necessary that everything that can be done in our country by people of great dedication, simplicity and technical knowledge must be attempted. Though an industry may be small in the beginning and grow in gradual stages, all steps must be taken to see that it does not break down on account of labour trouble which is the bane of our country.

No sector has been free from trouble in the country recently. At home, there is no peace even though the parties are only husband and wife. In schools and colleges, there is no peace though the group concerned consists of teachers and students. In the public life, there is no cordiality between the government and the ruled. A great wave of unrest is sweeping all over the world.

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When the Indian constitution was drafted by our elders, the scheduled castes and tribes were given certain privileges for 10 years. Now it has become a fashion for the scheduled castes to remain

Shri Mulki Sunder Ram Shetty, is a name now in the banking field. At every nook and corner in growing cities, we find either a branch of his bank or some advertisement. That he has been able to employ more than 5,000 people in the bank and the disbursement in the course of the year now exceeds Rs. 5 crores, is a great tribute to his organising capacity. Doing a little here and there is one thing but to be able to employ youngmen by giving them gainful positions and making them useful citizens and have them to associate with industries and the development of the country is another thing. Shri Sunder Ram Shetty's role has been of the latter category.

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Agriculture occupies a very important place in our country's economy. In 1938, the agricultural output in our country at the then prices was Rs. 5,000 crores and today the same output costs 30 times more money, i.e., Rs. 150,000 crores. By improved methods of agriculture — use of right manure, composite or farmyard, soil analysis, superior strains of seeds, pesticides and pumps for irrigation, the agricultural output can be increased 3 - 4 times and more. In terms of the present-day prices, it will be Rs. 500,000 crores. There is no industry in the country, even if all of them are put together, which can equal production in the agricultural industry. There is no dislocation of people in this industry; this does not require import licence or foreign exchange; each village can develop vast resources and if education can spread in the villages at higher levels, the youth can stay in the villages and the surplus production can be diverted for other ancillary industries.

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For centuries, religious bias has been the main stay of a commu nity and in order to provide this bias for fruitful activities, the Mutt were founded and they have functioned for the last 50 years an developed great potential to increase the usefulness of the communit to the other communities in the society. The people that a the haves must always sweat for those that are the have-nots. Th haves may be in wealth, in culture, in industry and in knowledg By sharing it with others, they enable the society to move forwar

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The dawn will only come when the darkness over the night is over. I think the world will very soon see that the chaos that each country has created can only be solved by a rethinking on the methods they have adopted. Let us all pray for divine grace.

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Though we live in one world, we do not feel that we belong to one world. The water in the ocean in this region becomes vapour, transforms itself into clouds and then sheds itself in some part of the globe as rain and this water flows into a river and goes to some other part and then joins the sea in some other region. Its future is not known and yet we are fighting over the rights for this water.

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The wide implications and suggestions coming from different quarters, I am afraid, will ultimately give it a confused outlook. Too many cooks spoil the borsch, so goes the saying.

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It looks as if continuously a process of construction and destruction is going on and over a period of 100 years, the phenomenon completely changes 2 - 3 times. Nothing is permanent. You are the only person that periodically gives expression to your views in very clear terms, without fear or favour. I pray to God to give you a long life.

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Nature has given some people the qualities of the honeybee. A honey-bee collects honey from all flowers, not for itself but for others. Similarly good people go round the world, see other good people and go on giving their experiences to those that need them. Belling is one such person.

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The last fifty years cover a period of dynamic growth. Before and after independence, new outlooks have been encouraged and banking structure is being stabilised. The weaker sections of the society are encouraged and liberalised lending policy has been implemented. The concept of security has changed. The educated youth, both men and women, have been afforded greater employment opportunities. Training programmes to suit various stages of implementation have been introduced. In short, one can only feel a sense of satisfaction when he goes through the record of the past fifty years and finds the institution standing as a GIANT,

vertical growth by creating richness through good service and thereby earning reputation. I wish well of your branch.

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Mahatma Gandhi, in the course of his experiments with truth, had dealt with all aspects of life and in his own way, had discovered a new philosophy of self-reliance, tolerance, moderation, dedication and sacrifice. We have to learn much from his life. But we talk much and do little. I only pray that all of you take this as a challenge and the future is so shaped by you that you could say you had a wonderful experience from Gandhiji's life.

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Human body is a very precious machine and in our ignorance too, we should not have a desire to neglect this machine which cannot be repurchased in the market or repaired. All that man does is only to see that he is able to enjoy and that is only possible as long as he cares for the body also.

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It is estimated that 10 per cent of the population is always sick. In each village, there is a population of 3,000 - 5,000 and about 200 - 300 peoples are considered as always sick. The average loss on account of their sickness by way of loss of earnings will be about Rs. 400 - Rs. 500 per day and the cost of treatment will be a like amount. Rs. 1,000/- therefore, is the total loss per day. The village, therefore, collectively loses about Rs. 3½ lakhs per year. Your unit will be largely responsible in preventing all this wastage.

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All old views are fast changing because each time the policy has got to see how it can solve the developing and developed frustration in the country. The plans are not for publication only but for implementation and realising the benefits. If there has been any mistake at any stage, the framers of the plans must have both the humility and the drive to make the necessary changes. Healthy criticism of the policies laid down in relation to the developing conditions of the country enable the framers of the plans to make suitable changes. In that direction, I am sure publications like the one which you have been having for the last 10 years will go a long way.

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The way in which Dr. Modi set about dealing with eye disease and treating in lakhs by his own new methods patients sufferin

from eye ailments much to the wonder of many qualified people in the speciality, has been an eye-opener how the diseases of our country and of such magnitude have got to be tackled by all lovers of our country. If mountain cannot go to Mohammed, Mohammed must go to the mountain. Mountain is now the diseases of our country, the poverty of our country and the ignorance of our country. If these have got to be tackled, the concerned groups must go to this mass of humanity and remove all these great disabilities. Various institutions have honoured Dr. Modi; the government has honoured him and so also the people.

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Our country is facing lot of problems. We should not add to the problems but see that as much as possible, we try to adjust to all the things that take place round about us. During the hot weather, we have cold baths and during the cold weather, we have hot baths and we adjust to the temperature. So too we have got to adjust with the difficult situations.

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Shri T. A. Pai has had an eventful career. Wherever he had been, he has taken the institutions to higher heights and given a new outlook to the people that are working in those institutions. His name will be always a household word on that account. I only pray for his long life and dynamic achievements. Such people are a great asset to a country like ours where there are now growing darkness and confusion.

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Cattle fair is an opportunity to show the best breeds of cattle. India has got still to improve the breeds and I am sure, all the people from all the areas by participation, will make it possible to show the best breeds that are available in our country.

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This is a great need for a developing town like Udupi. All the modern amenities that are necessary for treating patients of different ailments go a long way to create richness in life by highlighting the disease and the care that one has to take. Even a stay of a few days in a hospital will be an education by itself.

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God creates some great soul to shed light and you are one such great soul. I pray God to give you a long life and also an urge that you are still able to create a new order and have this as your mission in life.

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Your decision to have a branch in Nirchal is a very wise one. It will be possible for you to tap all the resources of the village side areca planters and it is a great service that your branch will be able to extend to them. I believe your village branch expansion programme will be a new experience. It was so when I was in the Syndicate Bank. I wish the new branch all success.

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In future set-up of our country, hotel industry is a great-must, to be encouraged by all people. Good food, clean surroundings and a safe place to stay at night are any time what a man away from home desires to have. You have done a great service to the business community by this enterprise. May God bless you.

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Malnad has got to be proud that it has contributed many great sons but the greatest among them all can easily be Dr. K.V. Puttappa. He has left indelible marks both in his administration and also in his writings. I had several occasions to have contact with him Each time I was greatly impressed by his dedication to the uplif of Kannada and Kannada literature. Karnataka has got to be really proud of him and I have got to congratulate you on your decision to bring him to Sagar and honour him and express your sense of gratitude to him.

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In all educational institutions, different associations connecte with languages, each with members of that language to participat actively, constitute a healthy activity. The Manipal Engineerin College, having students from the whole country, is lucky in havin different language associations inorder to give you a feeling tha in the midst of all these, a unity of purpose can also be achieve Whether a chair is called in one language by some name and i another language by some other name. as soon as a reference made by that name, the concept of the chair comes in the min We are unnecessarily fighting over the languages. It is the sweetne of the language that has got to be developed and many a tim the under-currents of the great heritage of the country which ha

been the subject of common interest by all the literary men of different languages are what count. I am sure, in the quest of this, your time will not be unnecessarily wasted on trivial things.

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Dermatological societies have been formed in various places but much work does not seem to have resulted. I do believe in the days to come, it will be possible for societies like yours under your dynamic guidance, to substantially contribute in this direction for the amelioration of suffering in man.

Teaching course is a direct approach to the solution of this problem. Having hundreds of people to know and treat the disease is a great contribution that your society can do and in that direction, may I hope that the public at large will contribute liberally and have your great desire fulfiled?

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With all these, one wonders whether he has reached perfection in the art either in diagnosis or in treatment. But that does not mean that thousands of people in this healing art should feel despair; they must pursue their effort and see that they are able to perfect this art and get everything for the man that suffers and have a satisfaction that their efforts have been largely beneficial.

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Good people are the need of the hour. Even if we hunt for them, very few of them are found in this country. I only pray that during their life time, the rest of the people are able to build up our country under their guidance.

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The health check-up programme corresponds to the audit of a limited company. According to me, after 40 years, a person must have a check-up every 5 years, after 50 years every 3 years, after 60 years every 2 years and after 70 years every year. This will enable many people to enjoy their life better without having any disabilities arising from high blood pressure, diabetes, arterior clasosis which are all old age friends. I am personally aware of the consequences of the damage done by these diseases and I also feel that a large part of this is praventable. Prevention is better than cure; a stitch in time saves nine. These are slogans but very few are practising them. On account of the medlcal college here with 150 doctors and over 200 nurses and the Valley View having about 90 attendants, good health check-up, nursing and relaxation are possible.

People do enjoy these things. For example, they go to Lonavala, Mahabaleshwar, Ooty, etc., but the incidental advantages of having a group of specialists dedicated to the profession with clinical laboratories, diagnostic instruments, etc., attached to the Valley View make altogether a different picture.

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Overnight you have become an orphan. There is nobody who could be equal to a mother. She is the only competent person to say, "My dear son, how are you?" All of us can only say, "My dear friend, how are you?" That is all the difference. The services rendered by a mother to her children are unique.

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We have to take solace in the philosophy that death is no respecter of persons. When our station is reached, we must alight from the train.

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In life, we have no control over birth and death. These are the two events and in between, the life's drama is being enacted. Shri Govinda Bhat had a nice time during his life and I am sure, judged from any standard, all the members of the family loved him very much and he was a great source of strength. I hasten to send you my condolences. May his soul rest in peace.

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Birth and death are two great events in this life. We are born we do not know why and we die when the time comes in spite of our every effort. But in between birth and death, there is some freedom for us to act in the environment in which we are born.

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Both birth and death are not our making. Each one has an assignment and born in that environment, he does his best to serve the society in which he is born, endears himself to his home people and outside and in that framework, he tries to create a proper image of his family in the society.

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On this stage of the drama of life, all of us are actors. As soon as our acting is over, the curtain falls and the only satisfaction that we can have is that we have played our part well in this drama.

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What right have we to question the wisdom or otherwise of One Who gave and Who has taken it away. Just as many a time in the flower garden which we grow, we pluck out the best roses, so too, He has taken the best in His family. He has got a right to do it. Let us have consolation in this philosophy.

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I think the affairs in our country are steadily deteriorating; different political parties have no idea as to how they should pull together. Whatever may be their views, I think, it is high time that they sink their differences and pull together and save the country from greater economic chaos. By their fissiparous tendencies, they make crores of our people suffer. It is not for this that we had the freedom. I am sure, when much of what is precious has been wasted, every party will realise what precious material has been lost. This is how life is. We reach certain heights and we fall down. The heights were reached on account of the efforts of others and the depths were reached on account of our preverse outlook.

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I am very happy that Your Holiness could find time to come to Udipi and see these institutions. That is the only happiness I fel I must have. I wanted to see that as one interested in education Your Holiness must have opportunities to know that there ar hundred and one ways of making our life useful to the communit at large and by this process, lay sure foundation for the prosperit of the nation.

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There is much truth in the saying "What a poet has seen even th sun has not seen." A journalist has a provocation on the day t day events. He can interpret it in any manner he likes. It is th reaction that it creates that counts much.

'Kindle the spark within' — is a good saying. It is the journali that is able to create the spark of dynamism. It is an impulse whic comes from him every day in small or great events. A successf journalist must take cognisance of these and apart from givi the news and views, in interpreting them he must show a lar amount of dynamism and also realism in this process.

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Jesus Christ was put on the cross for teaching the philosophy of life. Mahatma Gandhi was shot. He only said "Sabko Sanmati De Bhagawan." All great men who had tried to bring peace in the world have not had a happy career.

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In all my work, three factors were dominant — a sense of dedication in me, a sense of perception in the people and involvement in that process and God's blessings at every stage. If any one of these was missing, all that people talk about me would not have been possible.

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This is an era of some publicity. Whether we should blow our trumpet or not, it has got to be done by somebody and you are the best people to do it out of a sense of gratitude to your parents. You should not think that somebody else should do it. They are doing it. It is a joint responsibility. For all that you are doing, posterity will be grateful to you.

Great men are not the property of their own children. At a certain stage, they lose their identity. It is just like the Ganges river that rises in the Himalayas. It comes lower down and loses its identity and ends in the ocean. Similarly you can also say that you are the children of that great person.

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Indian community has held the mother as an embodiment of everything that is sacred and great and salutations to her is a must at all times for all people. It is the mother that fed the baby in her womb with her blood and later nursed and reared it with great affection and moulded it to high ideals. It is befitting that you must launch on this project of highlighting the different facets of the mother and I am sure, when she has been described from different angles, you will be able to very nearly succeed in giving to the reader the full picture of what a mother is.

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It is good to have children and it is better to have better children and if the children are having a reputation of being great and good, that is considered as a gift from God.

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There is much truth in the saying that a son is a son till he is married; but a daughter is a daughter for all time.

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Corruption has become a part and parcel of social life all over the world. It is not only in our country: but in other countries of the world too. Talking only has been the mainstay of all civilised people but they do not know what they are talking. Everything that was not liked in the past like drinking, debauchery and other vices have gained ground. God alone must be born again and see that this all is either ended or mended. I do not know at this rate how the youth of the country will solve the problems that they are creating themselves. Still let us pray to God and have faith in Him. Our days are numbered in that sense. Even if we live a few years more, the bulk of our life has been now spentaway. I am optimistic till the last minute.

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Men is a social creature and wherever he goes, he gathers men—first his own near and dear ones, thereafter of the community to which he belongs and then the whole society in which he is working. He evolves continuously.

The members of the Gowd Saraswath Brahmin community had great struggles to eke out their livelihood and also get co-operation from others. The early members deserve to be congratulated in establishing the Sabha not only as a cultural institution but have it as an institution to render financial assistances to deserving students for prosecuting their studies.

The intellectual, social and moral advancement of the community is a dire need any day. In this direction, continuous involvement in the activities of the Sabha will enable the community to achieve the things for which the Sabha was originally founded.

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The Gowd Saraswath Community is perhaps the most enlightened one. Vicissitudes of life have given them a large amount of adjustment to the surroundings to which they were driven to or the changing conditions in the places where they live. They have always been feeling that in adjustment lies the richness of life. Wherever they lived, they tried to understand the problems of the society and by their co-operation and effort, created richness in the community life. Though trade and industry had great attraction for them, they never neglected the most important purpose of life and that was to found temples, goshalas, schools and hospitals. Wherever they have been, one activity or other has been possible for them to develop, projecting the cultural life of that locality.

Today it is very difficult to isolate them from the surroundings where they are living. They have permeated deep into the society by their distinct contribution. In all strata of the society we find Gowd Saraswata participating. We have them as teachers, as Ministers, as businessmen, as chief executives in various business and commercial institutions. Live and let live has been their motto. It may be difficult to find another group spread throughout the length and breadth of the country which is so amiable and industrious as the Gowd Saraswat group.

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Death does not spare anybody. This is not an excuse for having death. But still when the inevitable takes place, this is the only philosphy that must take roots.

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There is much truth in the saying some are born great and you are in that category. You must go on writing thought-provoking articles and have a good collection and touch and re-touch and show them to some of the critics. One day they will see the light of the day. People that have become great did not rise to those positions overnight. They must have been struggling for years. I can only say you have a genius in you which will carry you to great heights of glory.

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Many diseases peculiar to childhood are traced to wrong delivery and the infant care and cleanliness that have got to be observed during the period go a long way in preventing some of these incurable diseases like blindness, deafness, etc. Posterity will be very grateful to you for all the good things that in many directions your family is doing. Please accept my personal congratulations.

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A man's life can be as rich as he wants to be and with God's grace and good wishes from elders and friends, it is always possible. When we are born, we have got the great love and attention from our parents. As we grow, our brothers and sisters give us good company and when we go to schools and colleges, our school mates and college mates also add to our richness. When we come to the marriageable age, we have our wife and her relations to take interest in our affairs. In this way, the circle of people who love us and hold us goes on enlarging. If this is the pattern which

we can appreciate, we have got to find the roots of our prosperity in this group itself.

On an analysis, we find that as one grows, he is indifferent to his parents, indifferent to his brothers and sisters and indifferent to his elders and he becomes a failure in life. Between failure and success, according to me, it is only the richness that he can create arround him that counts.

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Good journalism is still a great need of our country. But what is good and what is bad, people of our country have yet to know. On account of the great efforts in the past, though a large number of people have failed in this field, some have succeeded. There are no two opinions that even in the midst of these difficulties those engaged in journalism must try to find out new methods by which they can get people interested. Your desire to have in your new journal few columns in English and also few columns for Dharma Sandesh by Dharma Peethas is a welcome one and is a good departure. When you are able to steer clear of all controversies and your approach is dynamic in enriching the society by high-lighting the role each one has to play, I have no doubt your effort will be a great success.

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After our country's independence, in our own country we have become foreigners. After the linguistic division of our country languages have come into importance and it is good that there are organisations such as yours which are trying to cater to the needs of a particular section of the society. Let me congratulate you on your efforts in promoting the Kannada Bhavan Society.

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God loves to give a little suffering to people whom He loves so that great devotion and dedication as a result may be possible.

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The present generation, under a philosophy of socialistic pattern has been blind to some of the harmful measures adopted. It is something like killing a hen that lays golden eggs or cutting a tree down at the root because we saw lots of fruits in the tree. Today the philosophy is that of a mother who gives the milk to the growing baby without her health suffering. But some how our people have been blind to this. May god give vision to all those that are now blind.

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Malnad is perhaps the richest part of the Karnataka State and if proper developmental plans in different sectors are possible to be formulated, Malnad will have a new philosophy to give to the whole of the State. Malnad is rich in forest wealth, water wealth and mineral resources. I only wish the various participants highlight a significant role played by factors like co-operation and co-ordination in achieving the maximum results in exploiting the natural resources.

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Nationalisation of insurance has been a master stroke in this direction. People at large have realised the importance of insurance. tt is charity and business combined into one — charity in the sense that it is supporting families of short-lived members and business in the sense that they are having a good saving for the evening of their life.

Eversince nationalisation, the Insurance Corporation has had different schemes to suit the different tastes of the investing public. One or the other of these will have its own attraction to the prospective client. If Insurance as a science can develop in a developing country, all the problems are sure to be solved.

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A conference highlighting the difficulties of a number of people engaged in a particular trade or profession is the only peaceful method of giving the correct position with regard to the conditions of these people and inorder to explore the possibilities of having the present policy suitably changed to provide the greatest relief to the largest number of these groups.

There is no gainsaying that these efforts do one thing for one group directly but bringing untold misery to another group.

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They will make all common people richer without making themselves poor in this process. The present world conditions have resulted in a struggle between the haves and the have-nots and as the have-nots are larger in number and with their co-operation, politicians want to be in power, it is better that the have-nots are all converted into haves so that in the programmes thereafter, there will be a continuous protection given to all the haves.

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India is a vast country requiring huge man-power to remove ignorance and get the people understand the problems and by

their co-operation, solve them. Everywhere we now find a tendency to find fault with and highlight it. At this rate, I do not know where exactly we will be drifting. Anyway let us pray that sooner or later, after committing blunders after blunders, man will realise that co-operation pays and not non-cooperation and love can give rich dividends than hatred.

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If mountain cannot come to Mohammed, Mohammed must go to the mountain. Mountain in this context is the vast mass of humanity and Mohammed is the doctor concerned. If the patients cannot come to the doctor, the doctor himself must go to the patients. The organization of free eye camps, dental camps, medical check-up, etc., is a great educative programme benefiting thousands.

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Appreciation is a good tonic and when all people work together for a great object of creating more richness in the society and alleviating the human suffering, man will have lived well.

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You must take all the present difficulties in life as challenges of the times. From prince to the peasant, everybody's life has been now converted into a battle-field. Each one has been fighting and nobody has been happy. It is due to a feeling of awakening that everybody has got the same rights. Nobody knows that there must be discipline and after some amount of discussion, there must be an accepted pattern. After a huge waste and destruction, there may be a construction programme with the dawn of wisdom. Let us wait and see.

When everything has been done by you there, if you think you can come back to India, it will be good. If your ambition is only to go about in the world, satisfy that ambition. Many a time, opportunities come to those people also. The future is always dim. People that have money do not like to have any investment and people that have no money will go about abusing those people who have got money. That will not carry us anywhere. I too am not in a position to advise you in any way because what you have got to see I am also seeing here. But still I feel that the very desire to live will ultimately teach everybody how to live.

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Order and disorder are different phases of man's life coming a different times. From order comes disorder and from disorde

comes order. Only prayers to God and keeping aloof from all perverse activities are the only remedies. This is, according to me, the philosophy of our religion also. Unless disorder comes, we cannot know how we can have order again. During the last 25 years, the whole world has gone into depths of confusion and chaos. It has been worshipping only money. Unless by various ways of destruction what man has accumulated disappears, he will not be able to realise that life is not only for himself but for all people who are around him. Let us all rest in hopes and come what may, face all these difficulties as challenges.

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I am glad you are very happy now after the initial shocks soon after your taking charge. After a storm, there is always a calm. Though for a few days, there was some uneasiness, I think now it will be a rewarding experience.

When there is influenza in the twon, nobody can say that he can escape it. If he escapes, we must say it is only his sheer good luck. Similarly, what today is your turn, tomorrow it is my turn. Everybody who is at the helm of affairs in some capacity or other, has got always to see that by his actual involvement and participation, he is able to move with the people round about him and have their involvement too and that only will give the necessary atmosphere for creative work.

The seminar on Taxation Reform which you are arranging in the first week of May, I am sure, will be attended by a large number of experts in the field. Please convey to them that I am anxious to have their considered views whether this is one method of preventing hoarding, black-marketing, profiteering, etc., and avoiding tax evasion. If all of you find that this is not practicable I am not anxious to pursue it.

It is very difficult to have any agreed formula and it is not good that we criticise the government. The intelligentsia of the country must come together and give to the government alternate proposals.

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The nationalised banks can be considered as the big dams across the river. But there are other sources of water like wells, tanks, etc., which can be tapped. The object of all these regulations is to see that innocent people are not victims of unscrupulous people who have bogus institutions and exploit the situation.

My only suggestion is that in recommending any legislation, it may be compared to a fort which is designed to prevent enemy attacks. There must be always a passage from the fort outside. If this communication is shut off, the men in the fort will have to die.

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In our country today, in the name of freedom, so many loose talks are going on. Controversies do not help. Opposition must be there just to throw light on their point of view. Just as in the law courts, two sides argue and ultimately it is the judge that gives the judgement and we do not call the judge a dictator. Similarly in a government, there must be two sides or three sides to argue the case but ultimately it is the Ministers that must give the judgement. If the opposition feels that their own view should be accepted, then it is a very bad way of handling the situation and that is exactly what is happening in our country.

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Children are very dear to their parents. Children of different parents of the same community have got an affinity and it is this affinity that must be harnessed for fruitful activities. Their coming together under one banner does not mean that they are not liking other communities but this will forge better affinity among the children of the same community.

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Mangalore is fast developing into a cosmopolitan city. It has got all people from all parts of the country and it is developing its own richness in this way through education, culture, trade, industry, and other activities which are peculiar to each country and each region. Integration comes only by observing all these on important days in the year. Different organizations like the Tamil Sangam can play a very important role in this direction.

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So many things have been developing in our country and we are thinking of these ideas just as a man goes to the railway station to catch a train when the train has already left. An attempt in this direction should have been made 20-25 years earlier when land value was less, prices of building materials were also less and the money invested at that time could have now brought 8-10 times its value.

I think the best thing that we can do at this age is to talk about these ideas to the youngsters and to the politicians. Beyond that I do not think that we should go. Ours now is a time more for prayers than for any work. Detachment in attachment must be our slogan. Personally I have taken that view.

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The whole country is in turmoil but people like you who are the lieutenants in some of the offices can still do something and if your staff is agreeable, your office will be spotted out as having done great work in the country's development. Let the New Year give you lot of such opportunities.

Over the years, though several institutions and with the co-operation of all of you, large number of activities in the fields of banking industry, education and agriculture were possible to be undertaken and I am very happy that the Mysore University, consisting of people of varied tastes and representing different walks of life, has been able to recognise these achievements.

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In nature, there is nothing like perfection. Different agencies at different times and in for different degrees are working, sometimes in co-operation and sometimes one against the other. Highlighting the weaknesses of the nation and creating a bad image of the country's statement through political propaganda in newspapers and journals is one of the worst crimes that can be committed.

A patient in a hospital does not recover fast when a complete picture of his illness is given to him with probable prognosis also. He will be always having better chances of recovery if he is able to be told that he is improving. For during my routine visits to the hospital, I have been requesting the patients to have a clean shave and look very nice in spite of the suffering that they are having and greet the physical surgeon and say that they are all right because immediately such an approach gives to the surgeon/physician a feeling of happiness and in that condition, he is able to study the cases better. He too gives a smile and his smile will be enjoyed by the patients.

In an infant democracy like ours, with different political groups trying to reap a harvest of their position, when the whole country is destorted, will there be a new wave of thinking? Unless everybody thinks that he is the person to set right his own affairs and feels that happiness comes only by his own efforts and not

by the sacrifices of others and this philosophy is translated into action, the country as a whole cannot develop. Besides maintenance of law and order, we should not expect the government to do any thing else. The newspapers which are the media, and of mass communication must try to create a healthy atmosphere by educating the people to stand on their own legs. I believe you will also share my philosophy.

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It is always a rich life when one can do something to others. This has been my life's history. I do not know why towards the end of the day, I go through that day's work and if I find that I have not done anything for others, I have it done at least next day.

Over the years through several institution and with the co-operation of all of you, large number of activities in the fields of banking, industry, education and agriculture were possible to be undertaken and I am very happy that the University, consisting of people of varied tastes and representing different walks of life, has been able to recognise these achievements. The doctorate award is unique. It cannot be earned by sitting for any examination. It only shows that good work ultimately have got a reward. Let this aspect of life be highlighted in this process.

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Our district is very peculiar. At certain times of the year, we have got good fruits which we cannot immediately consume. They have got to be preserved as otherwise, so much precious food is lost. Your industry has done a great deal in this direction and has earned the goodwill of a large number of people who are growing these fruits in the country parts.

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All my achievements are your achievements also. So during the last 50 years, all my good friends worked with me and unitedly we achieved so many things. To all of them I cannot but say I am grateful. Let this be the pattern of life. We learn to do more things in co-operation. Unity is strength. India has got to march ahead with this philosophy.

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Earthquakes, floods, fire, war, etc., do not last for ever. Of course unexpectedly things take a bad turn but soon do constructive forces at work are able to bring about a new order. This we can

know from the pages of history. No one rule has lasted for all time. During the last 200 years, we were ruled by so many groups, both in our own country and from outside. In this context, we were able to know which rule was good. This is the value of history.

The value of self-government lies in the fact that we have the means of correction if we find that we are following a wrong path. Our people in power are able to know how things are able to be harnessed for production and maintenance of peace and bring back all the lost glory that was the fond dream of the nation 25 years ago.

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Let it be a great and good child to keep the torch of your house burning.

The best wealth that God can give is an asset which has got life. Please treasure this asset, love it and shape it properly. Let the New Year give you ample opportunities to bring glory to your family. Please convey my blessing to Judy.

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Many a time I feel that God gives us this suffering so that we may concentrate more on Him than on these human weaknesses. However, being after all a man, man's qualities also predominate though I am trying to have detachment in attachment. Your affection somehow—and that of many others—has kept me going.

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When a man lives long but his children do not have that span of life, it is a great tragedy for him to see the misery of his children. I remember the story of an astrologer having given a forecast to the King. The forecast was that he would have long life for himself. Long is a relative term and as the astrologer went on giving the signs of old age that he would have diminishing eye-sight, decreasing hearing, decreasing appetite, loss of sleep, etc., the King was not very much perturbed. But when he was told that one by one, he will see the children suffering and some of them dying, he felt very much about the forecast. I feel whether I am going through the same phase of life.

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Sometimes independence has been construed as liberty to do anything. Liberty has got always certain limits. For the speeding car, there are the brakes and the brakes must be always effective. That was how it was in the past. Nobody was prevented from doing

any good things but for bad things, the society had its own control. Have you not heard of the story of the dog's tail? Human nature is just like that. It is always bent; you cannot make it straight. In life we can only make an attempt and it is our satisfaction that we have recognised where we have gone wrong and have tried to do our best and sometimes succeeded.

Life is short, art is long, time is fleeting. Do not worry if things are not shaping properly. Only have a record that you, your children and your surroundings have not been doing any foul things — That is within your control. How other people should be is a matter for them to decide. Sometimes for being also non-interfering we suffer. That is a strange phenomenon.

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In the evening, we were taken round the Mahatma Gandhi Hydro-Electric Generating Station. It was an eye-opener as to what man has been able to do from what God gave. This is a progress which we must keep up. I am told when late Sir M. Visvesvaraya visited the place years ago, in the Visitors' Book he had mentioned 'What a huge waste! & This was the starting point for investigation of the potential and the development that has followed thereafter.

There is a saying 'Kindle the spark within.' Huge institutions come up as a result of kindling ideas in people who are receptive. Let us play our role well.

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After a long search, it is a rewarding experience to find a suitable alliance. Mysterious are the ways of God. We search in a wrong places all the while. There is much truth in the saying "Search in the right place."

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People who have got the gift of writing must always write and they must write very nice books touching on various subjects. The day will not be far off when these writings which may not now see the light of the day, will get printed.

The capacity for writing, as a man grows, if it is not cultivated, gradually declines. Hence whether people encourage the writings or not, it is the duty of every writer to give his best and at least in manuscript form. Shakespeare wrote so many dramas. I do not think all of them were published during his lifetime. Srimanmadhwacharya is considered as the author of so many books but none of

them was published during his lifetime. All great writers have had this experience and you should not feel disappointed. Great men are always able to maintain their greatness by their robust optimism and holding their head aloft. This is all what I can offer you by way of my comments.

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I could really see how genuine you are to derive so much happiness over the achievements of Shri T. A. Pai. He is a great person and practically a jewel in our family. He richly deserves the name Anant. His achievements posterity will record. He has done all for others and very little for himself. Let us all pray for him and wish him glory and let God, by having him as His instrument, make some miracles in our country, possible.

Our country require now kind good people, full of rational and dynamic views and free from any ego. There are very few people who are of this making. Though I am in my declining age, many a time when he comes here, in his company I feel I have become younger. Let us both rejoice in his greatness and achievements.

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On account of the malpractices in several institutions, many a time there is a feeling to control such institutions. We cannot help it. Life is only an opportunity for us to see that we are good and pure. There are so many things outside which are undesirable. We can only try to be up and doing with a desire to clean a large part of it. What light we have shed may not be possible for many people to appreciate. Even if there is one institution of our type, it will be a pointer as to how things can be done. God fulfils himself in many ways. I thank you for what you did.

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I quite agree with you that in this life's drama, there are so many experiences — some happy, some sad. The only thing is that we must take them for what they are worth and maintain our cheerful attitude. I have always felt that we should have a philosophy of detachment in attachment.

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Various fears are created by the people; but many a time, these fears are short-lived. We have yet to have faith in God. I do not know when this changed attitude will come. Man still feels that he is everything in life but he does not know that he is a creature of two degrees. If his temperature is 97, we say he is cold and the

poctors will have very little hopes about him. If his temperature is 99, we say he is having fever. If he goes out, it is not certain that he will return; some accidents may take place. If he is flying in a plane, the plane may crash. Yet man is not aware that there is an unseen force guiding him. This is the wonder of the world. All the challenges that man has got to face must be faced with immense faith in God. There is nothing lost by having great faith in these unseen forces and praying.

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Nobody could ever believe that Dr. Vazirani who had a very eventful career rising to great heights of glory would disappear from the scene so suddenly. Many a time, this is the beginning and end of all great men. They rise to meteoric heights and suddenly they pass away. Though all these words can be said easily, for you, I know, it will be a very trying time. Yet, what cannot be cured must be endured; God knows why. We can only pray for you and also share with you your grief. May God give you the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

The Hindu philosophy is to treat the mother as God and to treat the father as next to God. Now you will have to combine both and see that you are a source of strength to all your children by guiding them properly. Please keep yourself in touch with us for anything that we can do.

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Women can play a great role by organising various activities through which they can enrich the society and inculcate the virtue of discipline in their children. Every woman must be able to specialise in various kinds of dishes, the vegetables for which she must try to grow in her own garden, thus contributing to the solution of food scarcity. A mixed diet of vegetables and fruits will considerably bring down the pressure on the cereals and pulses. The Mahila Samaj must have a regular programme to enable its members to prepare various kinds of dishes by knowing the ingredients and the quantity required of each ingredient to make a very good dish and to serve then in their meetings to popularise.

Women have got always a liking for good decorations and to help them in this field, they can be taught how to grow nice flowers in the gardens and also have good interior decoration. They only require a little guidance from people who have made a special study

to these subjects. These things do not cost much but their reaction on the children will be very great.

Whatever you think is possible for the Academy to undertake, the same will be made available to further your projects. Supply of sewing machines also can be done. The extension of the tailoring section of the Academy Schools of Music & Fine Arts to Manipal will also help to a great extent the women folk of this place. Facilities to learn shorthand and typewriting are also made available at Manipal. Bookbinding has been introduced in the Manipal Power Press and nursing at different levels is being taught in the School of Nursing. May I request you to see that these sections also get interested in your projects.

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Till it gathers strength, we will be ridiculed and criticised. A weak person or a poor person has no admirers. The only treatment for our present conditions is to gather strength. Let us lift ourselves in the eyes of the world by our moral character and great productivity so that we are able to drive away our poverty. Automatically other things will follow.

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Thank you very much for your appreciation of all the activities that we are having at Manipal. There are very few people who have, without any mental reservation, poured their affection and appreciation. You are a great man that can see good things wherever there is good.

All our activities have been conceived on a rational basis. We always believe that continuously serving the society at large through several channels is able to create richness and, therefore, the activities in Manipal have been all linked together.

Regarding your observations about the Lake City University, I have kept it is a dream for others to fulfil. I do not want to be an eyesore by attempting everything. I only pray that the institutions which we have started and which so for have been functioning may grow and be a pointer for the growth of similar institutions started by other people.

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God fulfil Himself in many ways. His chosen instruments break all the traditions and shed light everywhere and just as the sun rises after the darkest hour of the night, so too His chosen men come when we feel frustrated and have no hopes of getting through

the difficulties that we have created. Let us have faith in God and pray for his grace.

I find many top people who have reputation for their vision, have now confused thinking which finds expression in their writings. Whatever may be our feelings, when we are in distress, wisdom requires that we must be with the people in power and guide them suitably not by too much criticism but by healthy suggestions. Generally even a hostile man becomes a good friend by tact and love.

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Different things have got different melting points and different ignition temperatures. Camphor easily catches fire but a log of wood takes a longer time to burn. Yours is just like camphor and the height to which you have risen by both your achievements in the past Janmas and your determination to achieve your mission of life in this birth has easily marked you out as a great personality in the society.

The torch that you are carrying now is shedding light wherever there is darkness and thousands of people will be grateful to you for what you did to 'kindle the spark within.' You are a God's man specially chosen for His mission. I wish you could spend some more time with us!

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Regarding your suggestion that in institutions like the Mutts there must be arrangements for revival of Vedic studies and Sanskrit learning, I doubt very much whether the Matadhipathis themselves are interested. If they are able to have at least that burning desire, they can have very nice pandits and round about them a group of other youngsters may gather. There are hundred and one ways of having these things achieved.

With all the present land reforms, I doubt very much where exactly the position of the Mutts will be and the scant courtesy shown by the government to such institutions and the complete indifference for all the sanctity which we have attached to these institutions, is a pointer in this direction. Artifical life will have absolutely no future. Light also must come from within. Let us all pray to God. He knows best to work these miracles.

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This is the pattern of the country. Construction and destruction go side by side. Nothing is permanent in life. For some, doing

the right and believing in God is the only philosophy. A few of us are following that. We believe in people's love and co-operation.

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I had the happy news that on 1st April, you completed 80 years. Please accept my heartiest greetings and good wishes. You have been able to have a proud record of good work which for any man with any amount of effort would not have been possible to squeeze in this span of life. While I wish you great success in all your activities, I pray not only for your long life but your dynamic role in the present confused state of affairs of our country.

Problems are there for great men to solve. These are the challenges of the hour which no nation can escape. Whatever may be the cause and whoever might have been responsible, a time has come for all sane people to advise the nation. Let us forget all the gloomy and horrid past and take the present as a great challenge for bringing about great development and bring our country to a high pedestal of glory by combined effort and even dedication. Just as after the blackest hour of the night, the dawn begins, after a chaotic and disturbed life in the nation, wisdom and prosperity will dawn. In this great effort, elderaly people like you who have dedicated yourselves for the growth and development of the nation in different sectors, are playing a great role and I only wish the society rallies round you. Please bless us all and guide us even though you are at that distance.

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Bereavement of our elders when they are full of experiences of life is a very sad event. We have only to have infinite faith in the benevolent dispensation of God. I pray God to give to all the members of your family the strength to bear this loss. What cannot be cured must be endured.

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Tulu language has a rich heritage and large number of people have enriched it both by research and good writings. Research in Tulu language has got to be continued for many more years so that it may widen the horizon of cohesion of Dravidian languages. I am personally aware of the efforts made by late Shri S. U. Paniyadi in this direction but unfortunately he could not carry his mission very far. I am happy a number of dignitaries are associating with the programme.

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Death is an inevitable door for this life. After finishing the life's journey, everyone has to pass though this door but to all those related to the deceased person, it is an event of great sorrow. Yet the philosophy that nobody can escape, it consoles one to a certain extent.

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Birth and death are two gates in this world. Through one we get into this world and through the other we get out of this world. What ever we are able to do during this period is all that counts and it is an opportunity to everyone to see that his achievements are the best. With all that is said and done, the loss of our parents is a very great loss. What cannot be cured must be endured.

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It was a shock to me to know that your dear father and my good friend Shri Narayan Kamath passed away on 3rd March. May his soul rest in peace. Every minute man is fighting against the problems of life but in the struggle against death, so far nobody has succeeded.

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I must congratulate the authorities of the Syndicate Bank for selecting suitable places to locate their branches to cater to the needs of their growing clientele. I am sure, your new office will be able to kindle the banking habit in the students of the M.G.M. College also and become very popular soon in that locality. Syndicate Bank has taken the right decisions at the right time and this is one such.

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It is difficult to assess the great services rendered by Shri K. S. Haridasa Bhat in different fields of human activity. His administrative skill, teaching abilities and tactful decisions on important issues have made him a great person in the educational field and in the future set-up of our educational complex, his association will count a good deal. I am very happy that all of you on the eve of his retirement, have arranged this programme and in the fitness of things, invited Shri D. Veerendra Heggade who has risen to great eminence as a great spiritual leader and successful educationist. The participation of Shri Heggade will bring out a large amount of hidden material regarding the greatness of Prof. Haridasa Bhat. Kindly excuse my absence on the occasion and convey my good

APHORISMS OF Dr. T. M. A. PAI

Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth, stands firm on a lotus: the symbol of purity. Being constantly afraid of bad company (hence, the classical charge of 'fickleness' is made against her), she tries to maintain a good balance with the virtuous. With men of integrity and character, a modern Bank can become the veritable abode of Lakshmi, ever attracting the hard earned savings of our people.

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Out of the soil, a seed bursts into open air, sends its probing shoot and quickly manifests its green fertility. So grows a tree, nourished by mother earth, good climate and human care 'on which one day a child may swing or lovers carve their names, bright blossoms blow or autumn fruits ripen'. Every rupee deposited in the Bank is a seed that will germinate and yield rich harvest. What a field is to a seed, a Bank is to a rupee.

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Life cries out into existence from a very humble beginning. With the passing of seasons, it assumes a shape, a direction and an importance. Growth, continuous growth. That is the secret of mother nature. Let your savings, however small in the beginning, grow steadily. One day it will grow big and with its help you can face wordly cares with courage and optimism.

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A weighing balance indicates, though roughly, one's state of health. A bank balance too could reveal the economic health of a person: freedom from money worries and capacity to enjoy the good things that life can offer. Your stature grows as your balance in the savings bank grows.

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Research enriches life. Research also enquires into the causes of poverty, sheds new light and dispels darkness. Immoderate spending, beyond one's means, leads to poverty. Studies on the spendthrift certainly bring into focus the benefits of saving.

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There are many highways to success in life. A Savings Bank Account opens up such a beautiful prospect, full of visions, leading towards long cherished goals. Save you must when you can: in the dust and heat of youth and middle age. Of course, you can relax in the evening of your life — against nature's refreshing breeze and bank's warm balance.

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A man's credit should be measured by the amount of his savings rather than his earnings. How much is retained and not how much is read should be the question while determining the intellectual capacity of a student.

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Drops of water make the mighty ocean. Things individually beyond the reach of accomplishment become miraculously easy with collective effort. Though you cannot float a needle on the back of a single drop, the heavy burdens of world trade are carried on by the ocean.

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Expert engineering personnel is ever alert on vigilance work at the dam site to deal effectively with small cracks which might lead to drastic consequences. Highly trained personnel in the intricacies of modern banking keeps severe watch to detect any lapse in its organizational efficiency.

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Unemployment and disease are two major problems facing our country. Both can be solved, with careful planning and husbanding of our natural resources. Banks do have a very significant part to play in social reconstruction; enlightened Banking is the pressing need of the hour.

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"Wise bees save honey; wise folks save money." The money you save, if invested with judicious care, can give employment to many and spell prosperity all around. A good Bank, being quite alive to the needs of a fast changing modern world, would constantly bend its energies to find out new sources of saving and canalize the pooled monetary strength into productive lines.

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Periodic dredging is done so that ocean liners may navigate easily. Similarly, a deepening of Bank's vision is necessary to cover world contacts successfully.

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The vast needs of our multitude must surely be met by the total amount of individual sacrifices each person decides to make, however little it might be. Banks are the custodians of what people wish to have ultimately and, therefore, must pave the way so that continuous springs of growth may follow.

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Growth is the sign of life: the natural tendency should be to go up and onward. It is true of an individual as of an institution. A progressive management rejuvenates itself periodically by drawing fresh life and fresh ideas. It ever renews its insight and outlook.

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Different organs of a body function efficiently when they act in unison. An institution like the Bank earns social acclaim when its varied services are rendered in harmonious co-ordination and flowing ease: with unity of purpose.

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Rivers have been running their course down the ages in all their wanton waywardness. But, to-day man's ingenuity has learnt to build dams, raise new crops and turn desert lands into blooming

fields. What dams do, Banks also do. Savings of community pooled in a Bank are made available for developing different lines of trade, commerce and industry. Dams generate power and enrich the soil. Banks activate social development by finance and thus increase the chances of leading a fuller life.

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Even gold, the noblest of metals, needs polish to bring out its true brilliance. So too, the best of clients might need a Bank's reference to unfold the intrinsic worth. It pays both to come in touch with each other and sparkle a little to cheer up the world.

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A good banker knows that large credit can be given to people of character and capacity though they be endowed with smaller capital. Even so, advanced countries in the world would extend credit to underdeveloped regions. Today, India ought not only to develop her own internal resources, but should be able to attract foreign capital from other parts of the world by exhibiting her national character: integrity and capacity for hard work.

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400 millions of people go to make our country great by a good thought, word or deed. A small single naya Paisa, a weakling by itself, gathers strength and more strength in the company of others though equally weak. One by one, drop by drop, coin by coin our country's financial resources must be strengthened against all odds: domestic inflation or foreign aggression.

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To safeguard the interest of depositors in a Bank, adequate Reserves are maintained and continuously kept up. An enlightened contented and efficient staff is the best secret reserve, for any good management, to rely upon.

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